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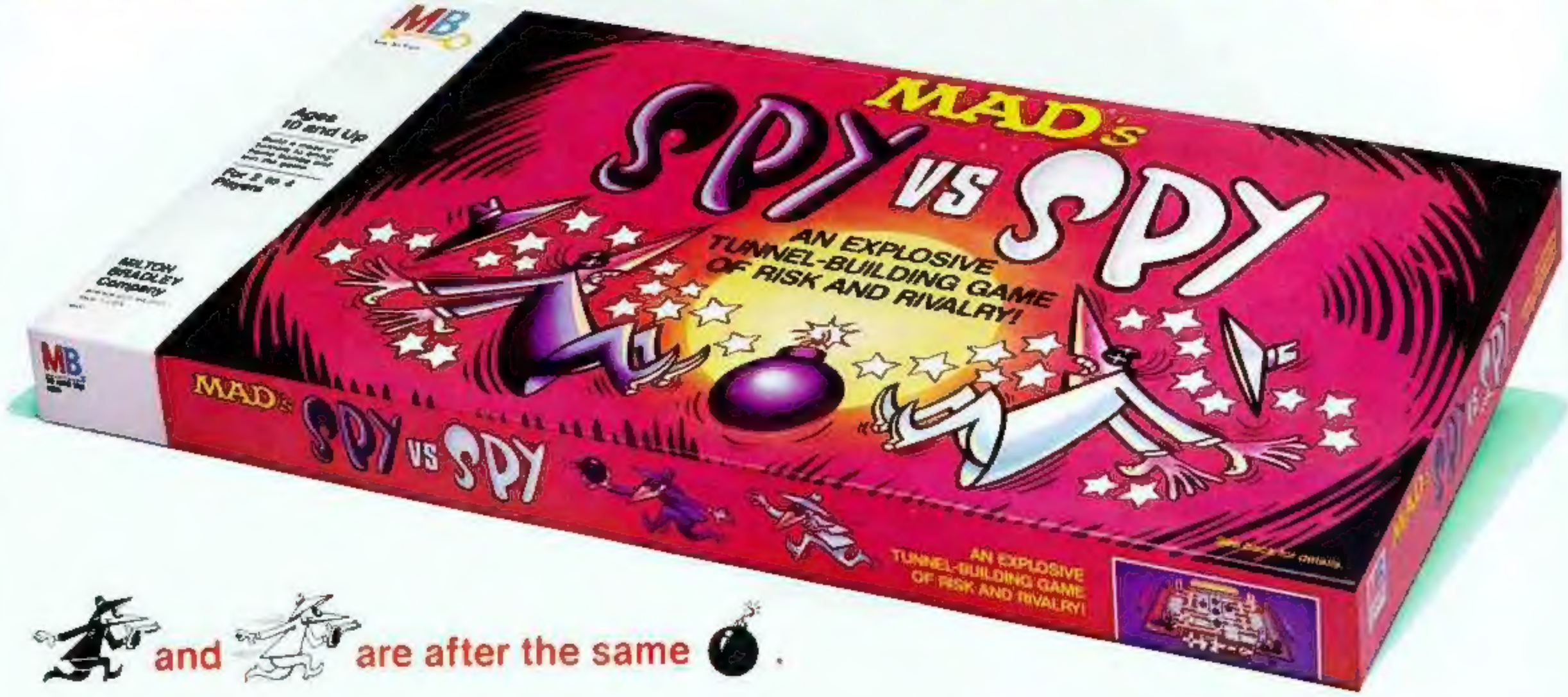
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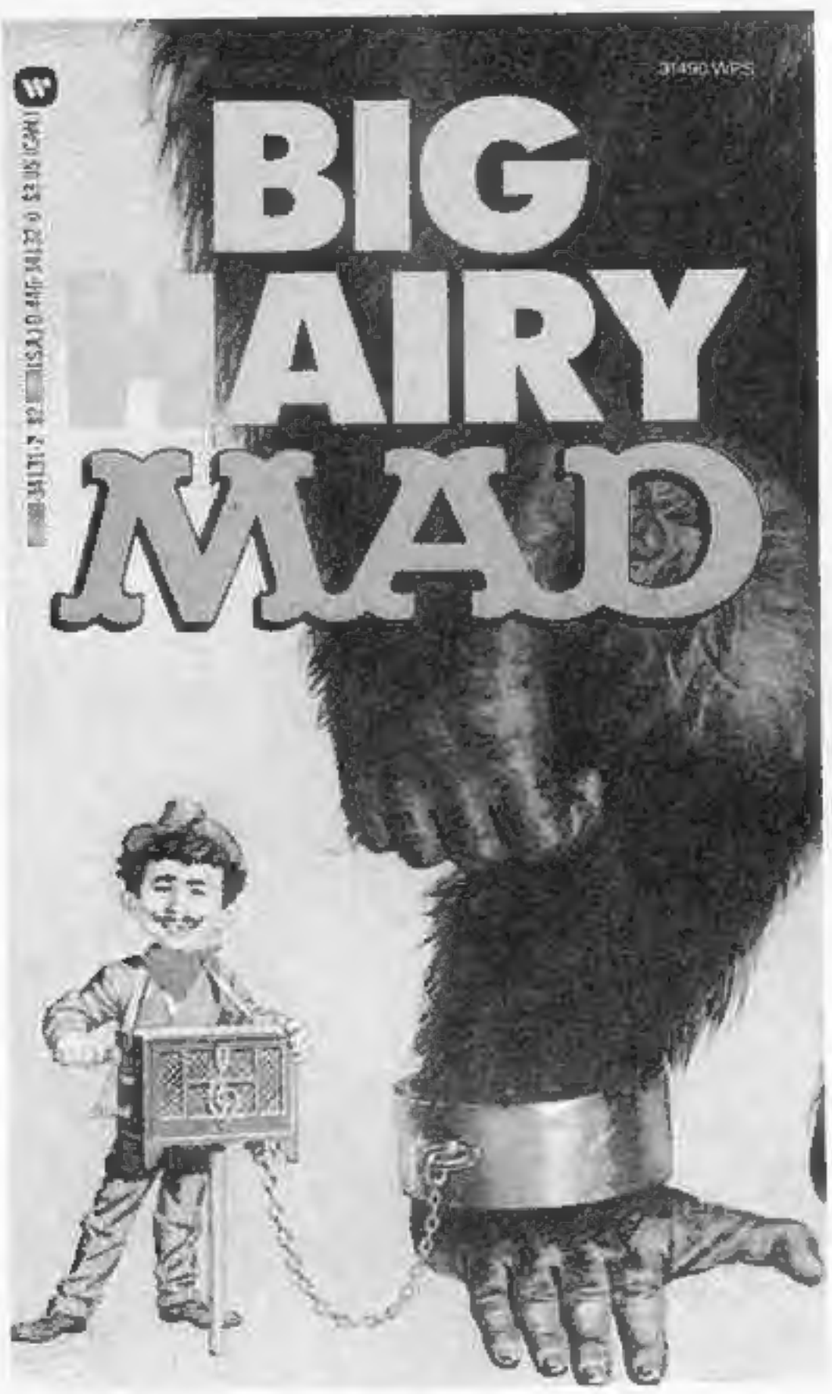


Swing Over To Your Local Bookstore And Toss Up A Few Bananas For This King Klod!

LETTERS AND TOMATOES DEPT.

"HENNA AND HER SICKOS"

I'm an avid fan of Woody Allen and I think that "Hannah And Her Sisters" was a masterpiece, but "Henna And Her Sickos" was just SICK. Go back to trashing bad movies like "Rocky IV."

R. Keith Phipps
Englewood, OH

You guys wasted five pages on "Henna And Her Sickos." If you evet spoof another Woody Allen movie again, I'll puke!

Andrew Quinn
Ontario, Canada

Okey Dokey!—Ed.

TAKING THE BIBLE BY THE HORNS

I find Mrs. Linda Houk's letter in MAD #265 extremely distressing. From its contents it's obvious she is a blind self-righteous patriot. If she thinks MAD is too awful to read, Id like to suggest she try something else. It's called THE FIRST AMENDMENT!!!

Mark Wilson
Columbus, OH

I saw the "Bible Belts" letter in MAD #265, and I have a few comments. If that lady would actually read MAD, she would see it is really worse than she thinks it is. MAD's language is not only atrocious, but also revolting, repulsive and nauseating. Lastly, I can't figure out why she would want MAD to change its attitude, because right now it's just how its readers want it—CHEAP AND DISGUSTING!!!

Jereme Hansen
Woodland, CA

"HOME FU"

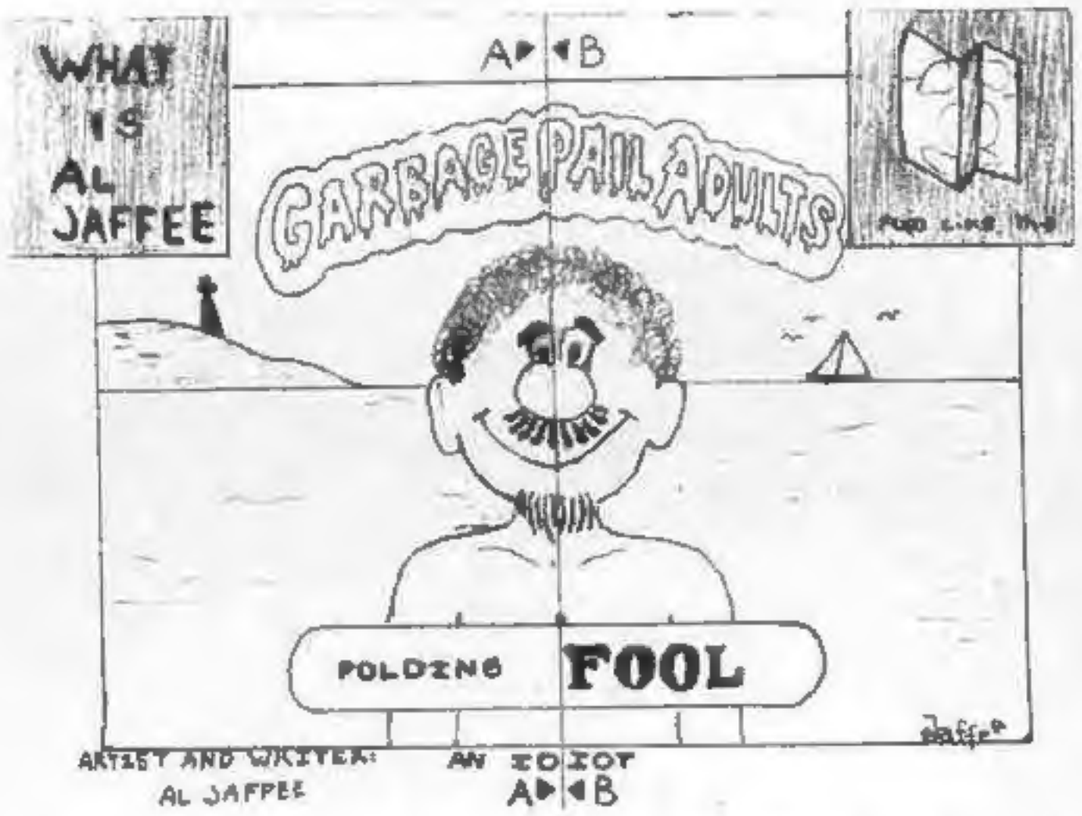
I found your tips in the "Home Fu" article more helpful than my training in Tae Kwon Do!

Philip Chang
Mobile, AL

Okey Dokey!—Ed.

THE USUAL GANG OF GARBAGE PAIL IDIOTS

Paul Madonna of Baden, PA sent us three sketches of some "Garbage Pail Adults" we missed in MAD #265!! Thanks, Paul!



GARBAGE PAIL MAIL

Enclosed is a picture of one "Garbage Pail Adult" you forgot to mention.

Randy Bucknoff •
Old Greenwich, CT

RHYMIN' REAGAN

"The Reagan" in MAD #265 made my day. I love the caricature by Gerry Gersten. The whole thing was a welcome surprise. I'm sure if Poe was still around, he would have written the same thing. After all, he was a horror author, wasn't he?

Dave Lacombe
Plainfield, VT

MADMEN RETURN

Talk about "deja vu"! This looks like the 50's again! The best move MAD has made in a long time is wooing artists Will Elder and Harvey Kurtzman back to E.C. Publications. Please don't let them stray again!

Daniel A. Wilder
Saluda, SC

MORON MAIL

I love your moron mail. Some people say such stupid things it is unbelievable. Do they think they're funny? And those snot-nose people who write, I love the quips you put under their letters. They deserve it. How stupid can some people get?

Ellen A. Whitman
Stamford, CT

We think you just answered your own question.—Ed.

Congratulations on surviving so long without the benefit of advertising! It's just you and *Consumer Reports*. In a way, you're a lot alike!

J.F. Sanders
Ridgefield, CT

Yeah, we both print letters sent in by pinheads!—Ed.

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NAVAL AIR FARCE DEPT.

What does Hollywood do when the teenage stars of their sludge movies grow too old to play teenagers? Easy! They make movies about over-the-hill teenagers and hope the sludge can rise to the level of...

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER WRITER: STAN HART

This is the most **elaborate** film of its kind **ever made!**

Oh, come now, I've seen **more elaborate action films!**

I'm talking about **Navy recruiting films!**

This movie demonstrates our **military preparedness** and gives some people a lot to **worry** about!

You mean **potential enemies** who might attack us?

No, I mean Americans who believe that **goofy fliers** like **these** can **protect our country!**

I feel that **shooting** and **killing** are not proper subjects for **entertainment!**

True, but how many people do you know who would pay 5 bucks to see a movie about a **disarmament conference?!**

MELANIE?

QUIET!

I LOVE YOU, TOM CRUISE!

HERE I AM, STANLEY!

SYOSSET HIGH

HE'S NO CARY GRANT, BUT HE'S CUTE.

Tell me it's not true! **Maniac** and **Goof** are here in **Top Gunk?**

That's **ridiculous!** They aren't **team players**—they're headstrong, reckless, and a **danger** to their **fellow pilots!** So they're sent to the school only the **best pilots** in the Navy are chosen to attend? Who's going to believe **that?**

The same people who believe that building up our armed forces **encourages world peace!**

ICE BERG SON OF DAVE BERG

In this **briefing,** I want to go over the **checklist** for Navy movie pilots! A pilot must: 1) Try to redeem his family name; 2) Disregard rules to save a buddy; 3) Be a womanizer; 4) Despair, but find renewed faith; 5) Get into trouble with the brass, but be secretly admired by them! Commit those to memory! **Questions?**

Sir, I'm **Lt. John Jones** and I...

NAVY

TOP GUNK

Hey, if the **government** supplied the **planes** and the **stunt pilots** and **we taxpayers** footed the **bill**, how come we have to pay **admission** to see this?

That's **show biz!** Ain't we still paying to watch actors in real–life roles as **politicians?**

The MIG's on our **tail** Maniac! **I can't see him!**

Great! We've got a 30 million dollar plane with a 3 million laser holograph scope sight and a 4 million load of the latest air-to-air missiles—and we're going to get our butts **blasted off** because we don't have a lousy **6 dollar rear view mirror!**

NAVY

NAVY

GO AHEAD, MAKE MY DAY!

RIGHT ON!

John Jones? Get that **creep outta here!** Which brings up point **number 6**—any pilot caught without a **silly** or **catchy nickname** will be automatically **dropped** from the **Top Gunk** program!

TYPICAL DOGFIGHT

That girl really **intrigues** me!

You **always** say that...

Yeah, but this one's **got something** the other girls I know **don't have!**

What's that?

A big headstart on **middle age!**

QT DRUCKER

There are a few **rules** you have to remember to become successful Navy movie pilots! You must: 1) Smile 90% of the time and hold back tears the other 10%; 2) Have a close friend who gets killed; 3) Never appear on screen without being sweaty; 4) Meet an old buddy of your dad's who "really loved him"; 5) Be afraid to make an emotional commitment to a woman!

But Sir, there are no **women** here in **Top Gunk**...

Which brings us to number 6—Accept **without question** that the country's **foremost aerial combat expert** is a young lady who's never been in a plane in her **life!** Inability to accept **these** and **all other clichés** thrown at you is tantamount to **failing Top Gunk training!** Dismissed!

TOP SECRET

MIG DONALD'S

How come she's the instructor instead of a **veteran Navy pilot?** What **experience** does she have?

They say she's **logged** over **300 hours!**

Really?

Yeah! She saw *"An Officer and a Gentleman"* **165 times!**

BIRD

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SPAD

SIDEW

US

UK

ISRAEL

IRAN

USSR

Besides, there's gotta be **some** kind of **love interest** for Maniac!

Love interest? Who's gonna believe **that?** She looks **old** enough to play Maniac's **mother!**

You know it! I'm glad I play an **"Ice Berg"** so I don't have to **make out** with her!

STP

ICE

Why do you try to be such a **hot shot?** What are you trying to **prove?**

That I can be the kind of man my **father** was! He was a fighter pilot, too!

What happened to him?

No one knows! He flew off into the clouds one day and was never heard from again!

Did he die?

Either **that** or he landed in **Philadelphia!** It's just about the **same thing!**

Maniac, you should be **yourself** and stop trying to **act like someone else!**

You mean like **my father?**

No, like **Dustin Hoffman!**

So I let the MIG **catch up** to me—then I put on the **brakes!** He zoomed past me and I was on **his tail!**

You took too great a **risk,** Maniac! Supposing you had **crashed?**

Hey, man, I'm not **afraid** to **die!**

Who cares about **you**—you can be **replaced** very **easily!** It's the **plane** that we don't want to **lose!** Remember, at **Top Gunk** we do everything **by the book!**

First, kiss my eyelids! Now nibble on my nose! Now my earlobes! Now... **hold it a second...**

What's the matter?

I lost my place!

You were **reading instructions?** I know you do **everything** by the **book,** but this is **ridiculous!**

I'm proud of this uniform and I know I'm the **best there is!**

Not really! There were at least **75 pilots** in the **last class** who were as good as you, and **25** who were a **lot better!**

I don't believe that! I could **fly rings** around them **up there!**

Who said anything about **"up there"?** I'm talking about **down here!**

ALL THE RIGHT MOVES IS RISKY BUSINESS

JOHN BOOK WAS HERE!

We've got **trouble,** Goof! The **engine's gone!**

What are we going to do, Maniac?

We'll have to **eject** and **ditch** the **plane!**

Some people aren't going to **like** that!

I don't care what the **squadron leaders** think!

I'm talking about people living in **Los Angeles**—'cause that's where this ditched plane'll **go down!**

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Your buddy Goof is **gone,** Maniac! You're lucky you spilled the **yellow dye** or we might not have **spotted** you! You would have been a **goner, too!**

I've got **news** for you, Mac—that **wasn't yellow dye!**

Goof is **dead?** My husband? What did he die of?

Terminal cliché! The minute **you** showed up with that **kid, everyone** knew he was a **dead duck!**

OBITUARY PAGE

You can't allow yourself to feel **guilty** about what happened, Maniac! When a **buddy goes,** you've just got to **let him go!**

Let **who** go?

You really **learn fast!**

You seem so unhappy, so remote, so tuned out! You don't even want to **fly** anymore!

Ever since the **accident,** I've lost the **will** to **die!**

I've never said this before, but I **love you!**

I find **that hard** to **be-lieve!**

Just look at my **face** and tell me what **you see...**

Wrinkles, some **crow's feet, sagging jowls, age spots...**

All right, already!

Gentlemen, there are a few **basic rules** you must remember as **graduates** of **Top Gunk!** You must: 1) Always be ready for timely coincidences—like **now,** for instance! We've just learned about a **new crisis** of world–threatening proportions which means that **all** of **you** must leave immediately for **combat!** Any questions?

TOP BRASS

Sir, if the situation is really **that** important, wouldn't it be **wiser** to send **former Top Gunk graduates** and **other battle–experienced pilots?**

Which brings us to number 2—**Never** louse up a plot by introducing **logic, reason,** or **common sense!** Dismissed!

GO NAVY!

TOP SIR

TOP ARMY!

Okay, Russkies—you'd better start **saying your prayers!**

That's **another** nice, old **cliché,** Maniac, but it doesn't really apply here very well, considering how most Russians are **atheists** and **don't say prayers!**

Okay, how about **"May the force be with you!"**

Fine, especially considering that these **aerial dogfight scenes** are a total **rip-off** of **"Star Wars"** anyway!

A DUEL TO THE DARTH

TOP JEDI PILOTS

IVAN

VOOM

VHAT A VADER GO!

Wow, Maniac, you knocked down **three Russian jets!**

And you scored with **another old cliché**—coming to the aid of your rival, "Ice Berg," proving you're a "team man"!

I guess I've successfully redeemed our family name!

More than **that!** By knocking out those **three Russian jets,** your name will go down in **history...**

TOP MANIAC

...as the man who started World War III!

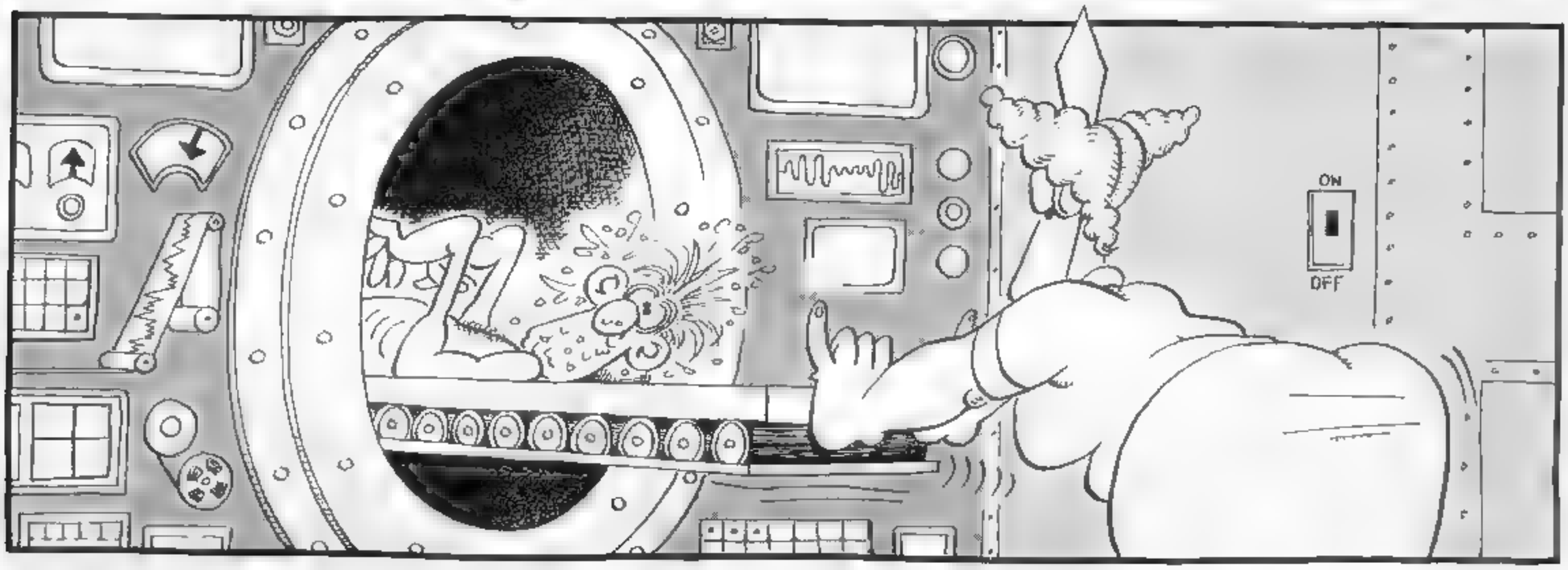
TOP BLAST

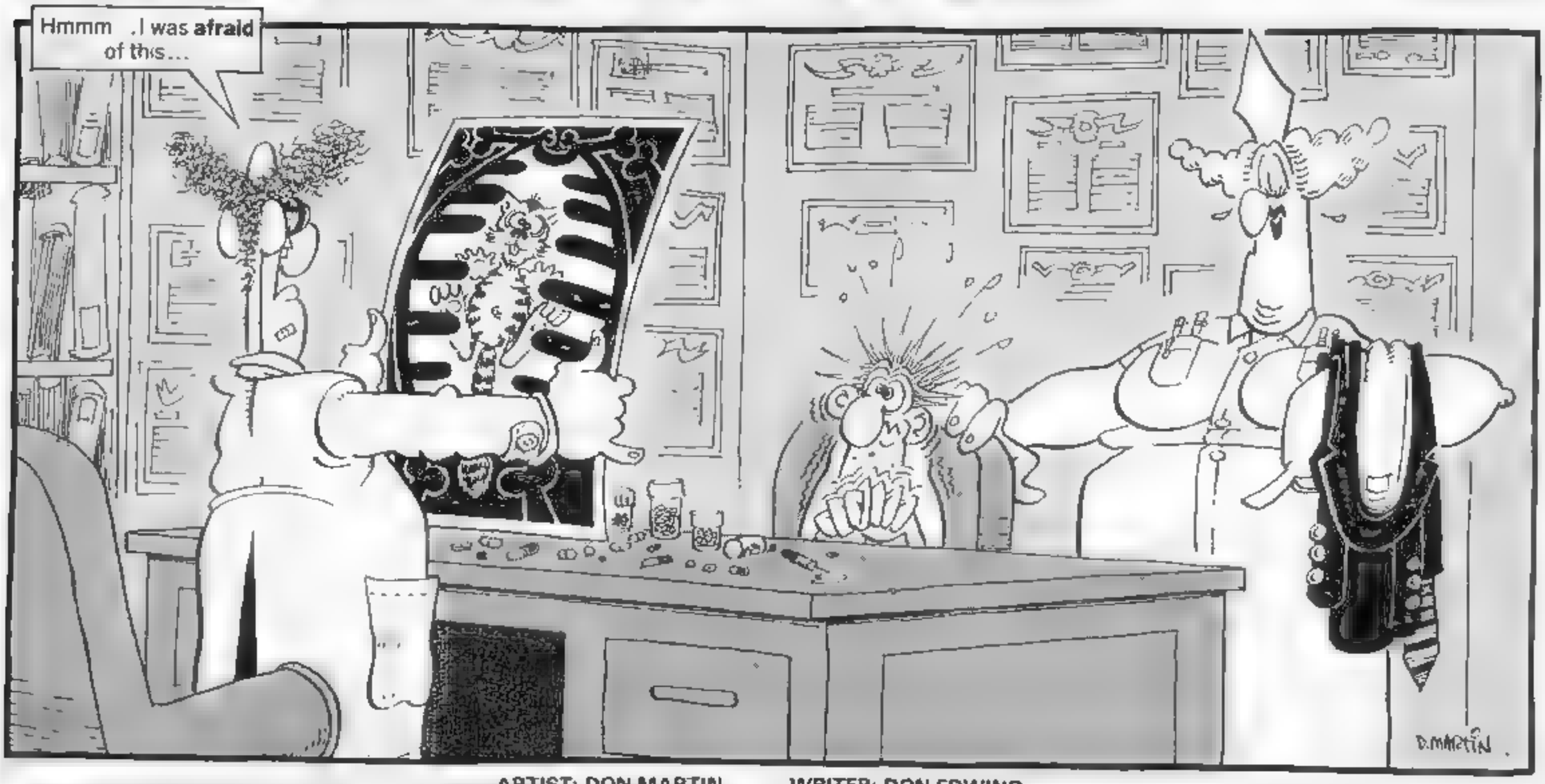
THE END.

WAS IT SOMETHING I SAID?

DON MARTIN DEPT. PART I

Early One Morning at the Hospital





ARTIST: DON MARTIN WRITER: DON EDWING

...AND JEST IS FOR ALL DEPT.

A courtroom is a place where everything is supposed to be very serious. The judge, jury, attorneys and court officers have no time for fun while they're

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ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

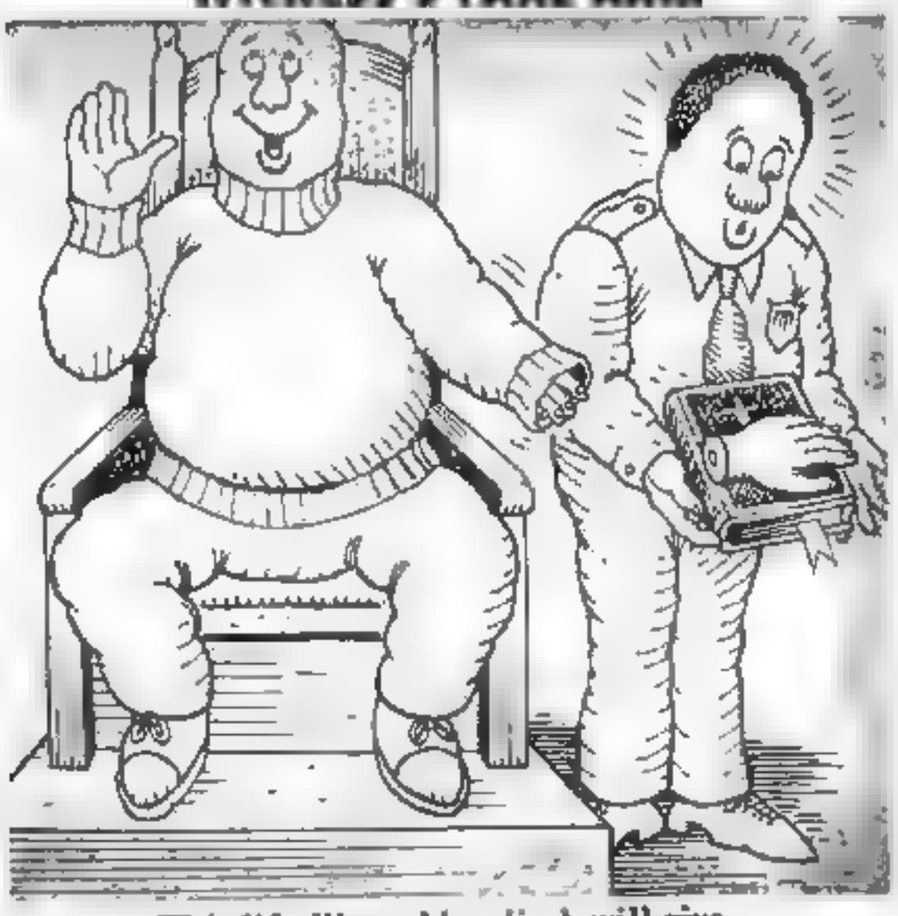
RUBBER GAVEL

There's sure to be plenty of disorder in the court when his honor embarrasses himself with this very silly device!

WHOOPEE JURY BOX

It's the jury who will be on the spot, not the defendant, when they sit down after a long deliberation. They'll be so embarrassed there's no way a "guilty" verdict will be returned!

WITNESS'S FAKE ARM

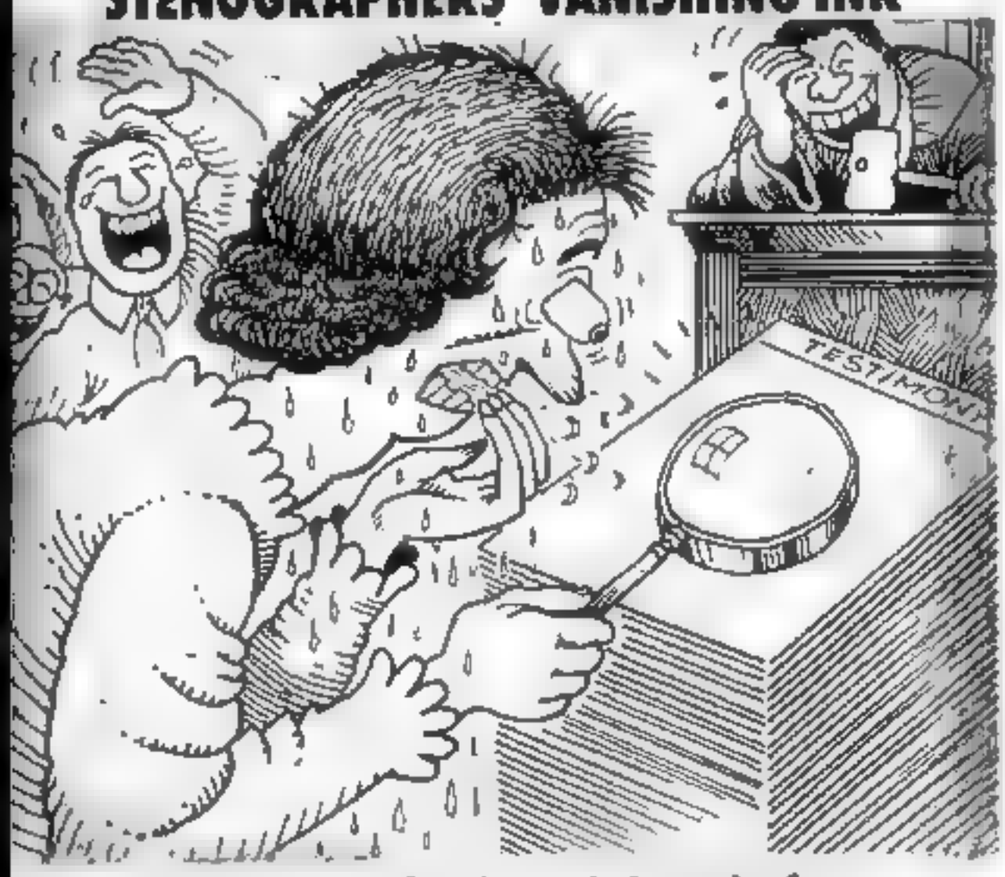


This life-like rubber limb will give any court officer a coronary when it comes loose during swearing-in!

EVIDENCE-ON-A-STRING

You'll enjoy punching a hole in the credibility of any prosecuting attorney who tries to grab a piece of potentially damaging evidence. He'll be the laughing stock of the Bar Association!

STENOGRAPHERS' VANISHING INK



The fur will fly when a judge asks for some key testimony to be read and finds not one word of the trial was recorded!

JOY BUZZER BIBLE

Witnesses *will* be swearing when you swear them in with 500 volts of electricity, and that's the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth!

entangled with all the legal rigmarole. The truth is courtrooms are BORING! But they never have to be again! Now you can get legal laughs easily with...

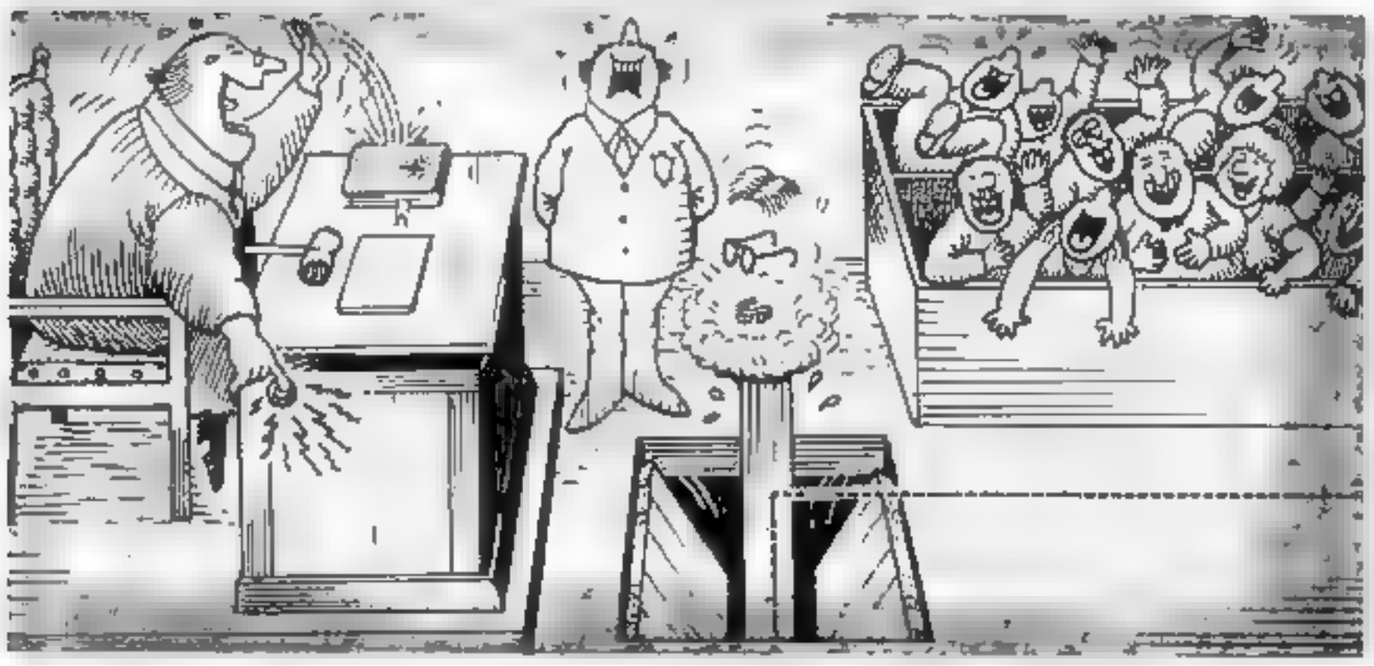
TICAL JOKE COURTROOMS

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

INFLATABLE SURPRISE WITNESS

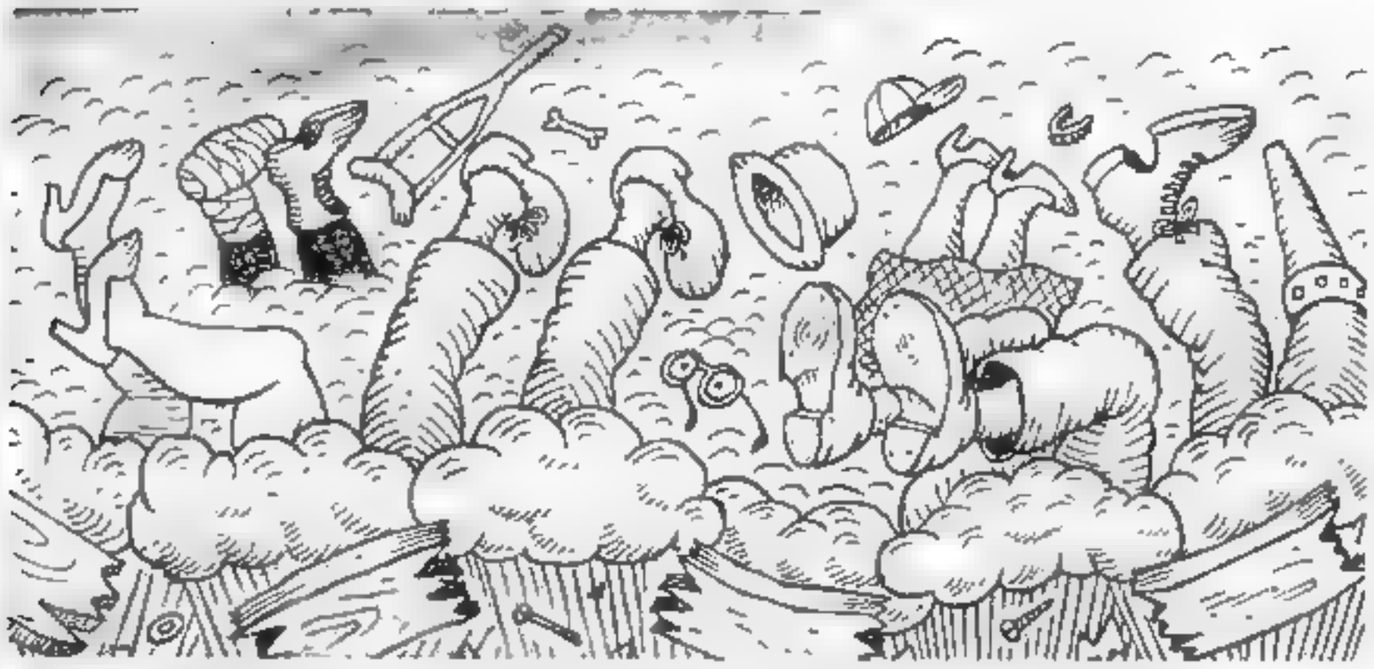
When the District Attorney introduces his "surprise witness" there's sure to be a hush in the courtroom *and* a hiss in the courtroom courtesy of this air filled polyurethene laugh-getter!

APPROACHING-THE-BENCH-TRAP DOOR



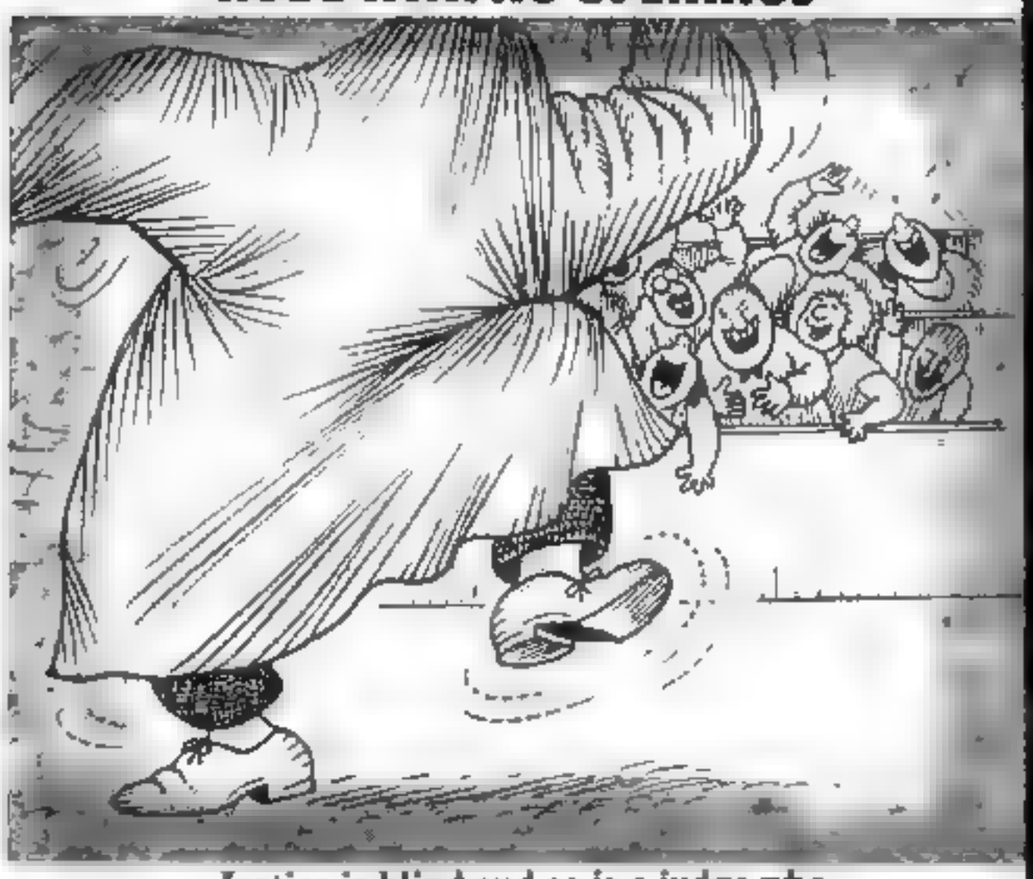
Now when the judge asks someone to "approach the bench" it may not be to discuss the case. An unsuspecting lawyer can find himself dropped into the dark recesses of the county court building!

COLLAPSING BENCHES



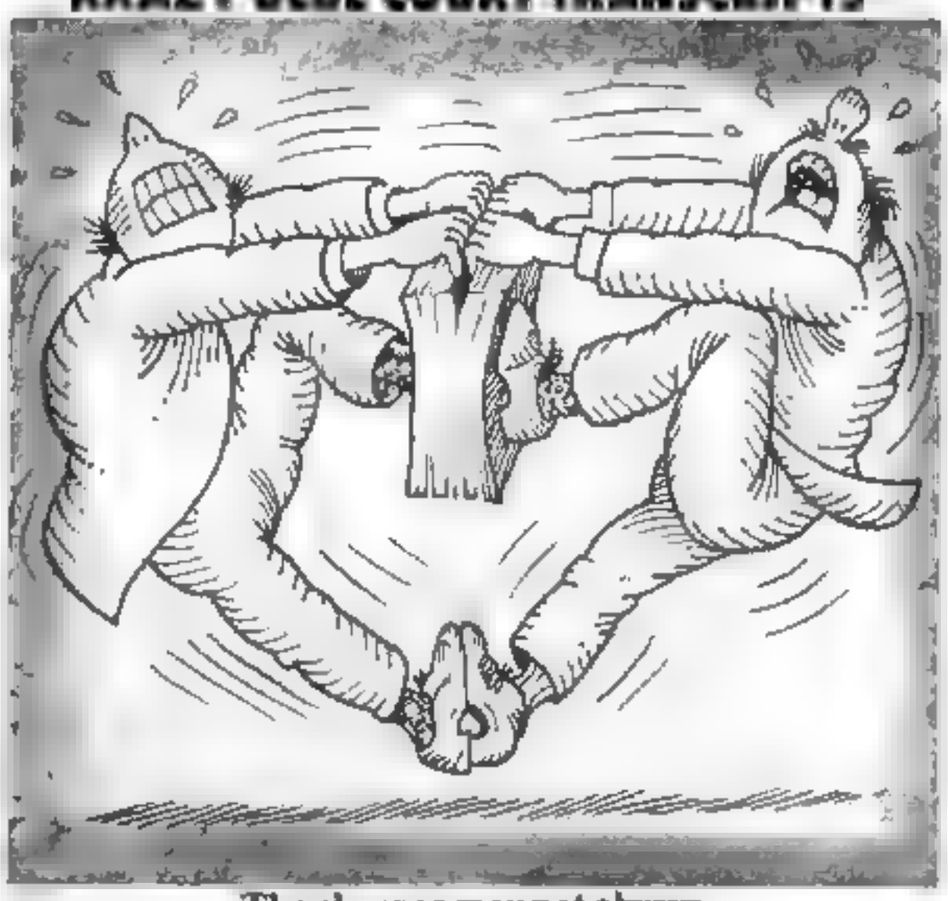
There'll be gobs of guffaws in the courtroom when spectators who came to be entertained by the misfortunes of others take a tumble on one of these specially rigged novelties!

ROBE WITH NO OPENINGS



Justice is blind and so is a judge who slips into a robe without openings for his head or arms. One size fits all!

KRAZY GLUE COURT TRANSCRIPTS



The charges may not always stick but these aggravating court transcripts sure will!

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SCHLOCK AROUND THE ROCK DEPT.

A MAD PEEK BEHIND MUSIC

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

I just finished the books. We're 2½% **over budget.**

Damn! Well, see if you can **"play with"** the figures.

To bring them **down?**

Are you **nuts?!** To bring them **up!** People in this business have no **respect** for a video unless it's **20% over budget!**

Do you think the drummer's **facial tic** is gonna show up on camera?

Don't **worry!** If this video's a **hit,** half the kids in America will be **imitating** it because they think it's **"COOL"!**

They're **lip-syncing** the song to a studio tape?! Why don't they sing it **live?**

'Cause, without a **million dollars** worth of **recording equipment,** these guys sound like four **Chihuahuas** in **heat!**

Stand back, he's one of the most **important people** in the entire music biz!

I just read the **script.** This video makes absolutely **no sense** at all!

Wow! Who is he, some bigwig **record exec** or **producer?**

No! He's a **drug supplier!**

Yeah! It's nice when things go **right** for a change!

THE SCENES AT A VIDEO

What's **your job** here?

I'm an **Associate Producer.**

No kidding, **so am I!** Which member of the band are you **related to?**

Who had this studio **before** us?

Prince.

Ah-hah!! That explains the **purple toilet paper** in the john!

Didja hear about **Twisted Sister's** new video? **Three Dead and Eight Wounded!!**

Is **that** the title?

No, that's the **body count** on the set!

$10 says it's **"35"!**

No! I'm sure it's **"49"!**

What are they **betting** on?

The actual number of **Michael Jackson's relatives** with videos of their own!

I'll bet **$5** on **"27"!**

A **stabbing,** two **shootings,** a simulated **rape** and **four car crashes** ...it just doesn't seem right for a **love song!**

What if we added a few **more** stabbings and a **nuclear explosion?**

I get the feeling music videos **still** don't take women **seriously.**

Hey! These **chickens** are still **alive!**

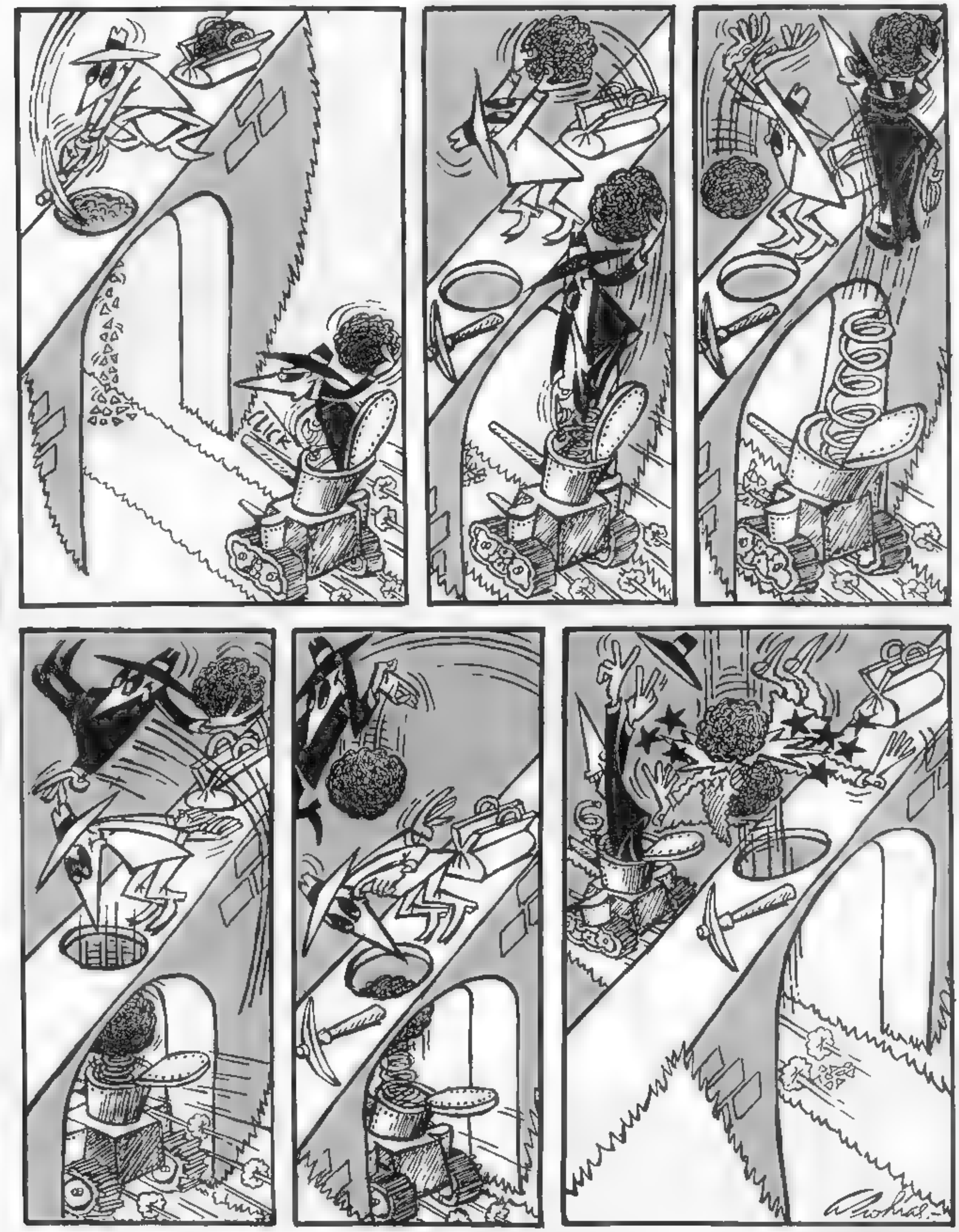
That's the **last time** I hire a **caterer** recommended by **Ozzy Osbourne.**

Now you're talking!

What makes you say **that?**

I'm listed in the script as **"Breast #3"** and **"Breast #4"!**

SPY VS SPY



BETTER DEAD THAN FRED DEPT.

What do you get when you cross mutual funds, T-bills, mortgages and Keough plans with some crude puppets, a few sappy songs and a host who talks like a ten-year old? You get...

MR. JOLLY ROGERS' NEIGHBORHOOD

VISITS A LOCAL BANK

It's a typical day in my neighborhood
Where life's sure to stay this way for good
It's ideal—'cause it's unreal!
It's not like your house—here everything's calm!
I'm not like your dad—I'm more like your mom!
I'll be—thanks to TV—
Your neighbor!

Hi, neighbor! Here we are together again in our **own little world** where we have such **fun,** like watching me change my clothes and talking to special guests!

Today's guest is Ralph Nabob, the President of the First National Neighborhood Bank! It's nice to have you visit us today, Sir! How are you?

Quite well, **bank** you! Do you have real **interest,** or are you just **checking? Hi yo silver** and **gold!** The **loan arranger** rides again!

AVOID UNCLE FLOYD

WIMP IS PEACHY

PBS

PLANT PLANT

PLEDGE WEEK — CALL NOW 1 800

IRA AND INSURANCE

AUTO LOAN

PITCHER PITCHER

KAPTAIN KANGAROO IS FOR THE BIRDS

MAKE BELIEVE

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES WRITER: LARRY SIEGEL

My, you're sure **caught up** in your **work...**

I've always been that way! Why don't I **deposit** myself right here and sing about it...

Even as a child
Money drove me wild
So my life was styled
For security—in my future-ity
There would be lots of money—highly piled!

Now that I am grown
Haven't changed my tone
*Money that I **loan***
For security—I make damn sure-ity
*It's someone **else's** money— not my **own!***

STOP

GO-GO

What a **grand song** that was, Mr. Nabob! And now with your **help,** what do you say we all go and **pay a visit** on a **typical bank** just like **yours**...

BURGER KING

DING DING

BANK

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Isn't this a lovely **pretend bank!** Look at those wax **make believe** bank teller dolls!

Chuckle. They're **real tellers** from my bank! **All** tellers **freeze** like that when there are customers waiting!

Why don't I pretend I'm a **depositor** and let's see the **first thing** a bank teller does when you walk up to him...

Did **you** know he was going to do that? **I** did! **I've** been to a bank **before!**

See how **fast** they can move when they have to, Mr. Jolly-rogers?

Oh my, yes! Now let's look at some of the **bank promotions** you brought along to show us...

2+1=3
3+2=5
7-3=4

THIS WINDOW CLOSED
NEXT TELLER PLEASE

Aren't these **wonderful?** In the **first case** we have an **American Presidents'** exhibit, in the **second** is an **antique coin collection!** What's in the **third case,** Mr. Nabob?

A **rare pen** display!

Rare pens?

An unbelievable find! **Three pens** discovered in over 14,000 American banks that actually **write!** The post office is **also** planning an exhibit like this, but so far they haven't found **any** pens that work!

FORD'S FIRST AID KIT

JIMMY CARTER'S TOOTHBRUSH

Aren't we having **fun** today! **No,** we're **not!** Do you know **why?** Because nobody **ever** has any fun in a **bank!** That's an **important lesson!** Okay, let's continue our **visit** .

X RATED OWL

My, what a lovely bank! And what a **nice mummy!** Is this part of an **Ancient Egypt bank exhibit,** Mr. Nabob?

Chuckle. This man only **looks** embalmed, but he's alive, too! More so than most of our tellers! He's our **bank guard,** Bertram Mulcahy! I'd ask him to sing us a song, but he doesn't have a very good voice...

That never stopped anyone **else** on this show before!

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Golly gee, can't you see,
I'm obviously happy to be me!
Whoop de doo, sad but true,
you're obviously not me—
You're only you!

The sun is warm, the sky is bright,
God sure created things just right!
How do I know?
I'll tell you square—
I remember—I was there!

Actually, how old is he, Mr. Nabob?

No one knows for sure, but he has a security card showing he was the guard at the **FIRST** First National Bank!

Chuckle...Those silly bank robbers only **think** they got away with our money! We've got them **dead to rights** with our **bank camera!**

See...No matter where they go—to the beach, a Nautilus club, wherever—they're shaking in their boots because **they** know that **we** know what they look like...

But isn't there just **one** small problem .

Okay, so they have to be wearing **ski masks** at all those places! Gosh arooty—why must everybody be so **picky?**

Never a **dull moment** in a bank! My, my, Madame teller, you must be punching out **500 numbers a minute** on that computer! I bet you're doing very important bank work!

Not really, Mr. Jolly-rogers! I just try to **frighten** depositors into thinking I'm checking out their **whole lives!** Most of the numbers I punch are **meaningless!**

Where did Mr. Nabob ever **find you?**

At a supermarket **checkout counter!** I'm still **famous** for charging a customer **seven times** for **one box** of Cheerios!

FAST
EPENDABLE
BANKING
SPEEDY
DELIVERY
ON ALL OUR
LOANS

Please give me back my **credit card!** I swear it won't **happen again!** Please! PLEASE!!!

What is this **commotion** about here, Mr. Nabob?

Sad case! The customer just **paid** the $753 he **owed** on his **Visa card bill** in **full**..

That doesn't sound like a **bad thing** to me .

We can't **make money** if people pay **everything** they owe us **right away!** The idea is to get them to pay **as little as possible** so we can **soak** them with **heavy interest** and **finance charges!**

He said he's **sorry!** Can't you give him another chance?

It breaks my heart, Mr. Jolly-rogers, but his type is **destroying** the **American plastic way of life!**

YOUR AMERICAN ESPRESSO CARD
DON'T LEAVE ROME WITHOUT IT!

There, now wasn't that a **very important lesson** we just learned? When we grow older—we're **never** going to pay our bills when we have to, right? We're going to pay **as little as possible,** to help keep America strong!

Before I leave can I **borrow** some money?

Fine! Just tell me what **collateral** you have! You know, a house, a car, whatever, and we're in business...

LOAN DEPT.
THE LOAN ARRANGER

I don't really own very much! But you know me, Mr. Nabob—I've been **banking here for years!**

What? You expect me to lend money to a **nobody** with **nothing** to his name?

But I'm a **famous, important TV personality!**

You call public television **TV?** Our cleaning people make more money than you! I'm sorry, we only lend money to people who can **afford it!**

But if I could afford what I want I wouldn't have to borrow money! Who **do** you lend money to these days?

Diana Ross, Bill Cosby, Michael Jackson and the **King of Saudi Arabia! They** have **collateral!**

Well, thanks for **inviting** me to your **swell bank,** Mr. Nabob! Before I **go,** I think I'll **withdraw** some **cash** from my **savings account!** I'm sure I can qualify for **that,** can't I?

Not really—it's **after** normal bank hours! You'll have to use our **automatic teller** which is open **24 hours** a day!

Hmmm, I think I'll come back **tonight** when I'm passing this way again...

Nowadays, it's the **only** way to bank—**no crowds, no hassle, no fuss!**

SAVE BIG MONEY "A PENNY SAVED IS A WASTE OF OUR TIME."

Mr. Nabob was **right!** This is the **only** way to bank! No crowds, no hassle, no fuss...Excuse me, sir, where did **you** come from?

From **behind that mailbox,** where I always wait late at night for **pigeons** like you! I love automatic tellers too!

Am I ahead of **you** or are **you** ahead of **me?**

Tell you what... Let's do it **together!** You withdraw from the **bank** and I'll withdraw from **you!**

Hasn't this been a wonderful day?
And a wonderful night-time too?
Tomorrow I'll come out of my closet again...
What could be better than changing my sweater—
'Specially for you!

Happy tomorrow, neighbor! Thank you for making this a very special day for me! Goodbye, **bank!** Goodbye, **automatic teller!** Goodbye, friendly **mugger...**

OUR CREATURE PRESENTATION DEPT.

HORRIFYING CRIME CLICHES...

ARTIST: PAUL COKER ·· WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

Packing A ROD

Committing A FELONY

Running A RACKET

Putting Out A CONTRACT

Ignoring A SUMMONS

Pulling Off A CAPER

Impaneling A JURY

Delivering A VERDICT

Getting Off With An ACQUITTAL

Filing An APPEAL

Ducking A WARRANT

Copping A PLEA

Beating A RAP

Suspending A SENTENCE

Overturning A CONVICTION

Serving A STIFF TERM

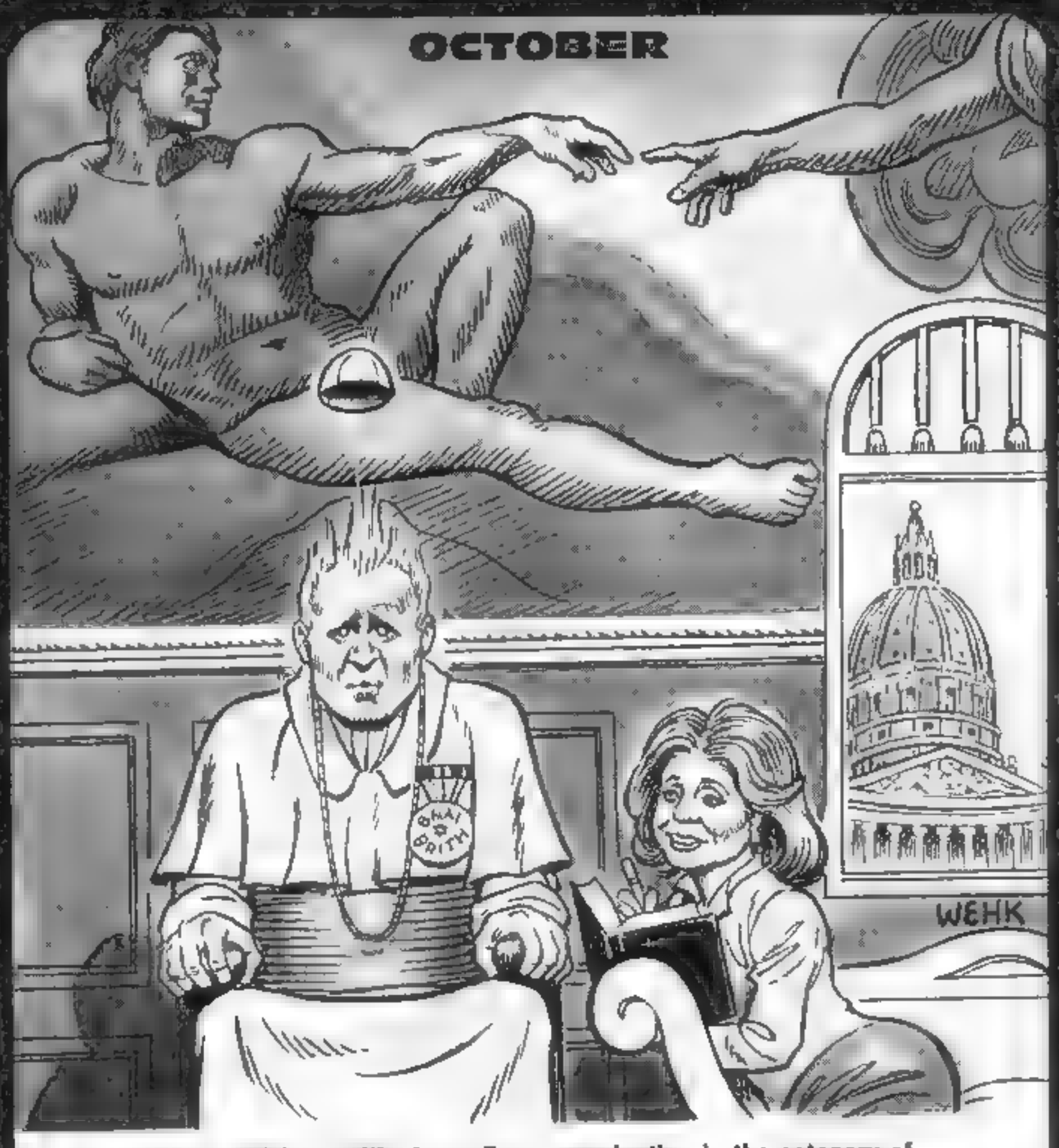
E.S.P.–U DEPT.

MAD'S FEARLESS FC

UPCOMING

ARTISTS: WILL ELDER AND HARVEY KURTZMAN

OCTOBER



Barbara Walters will win an Emmy nomination in the category of "Best Comedy Performance" after candidly asking His Holiness the Pope if he considers himself to be an international sex symbol.

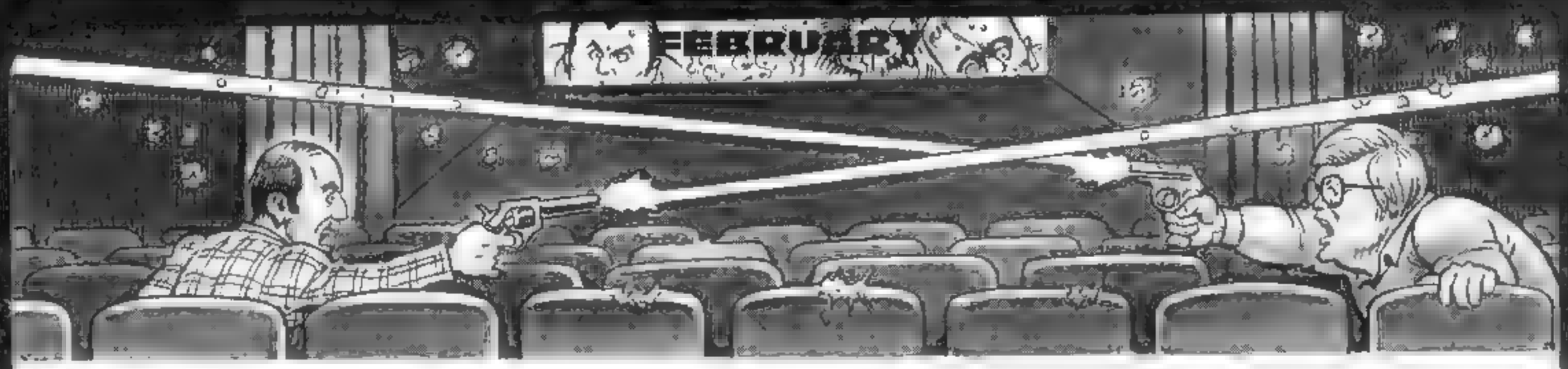
NOVEMBER

Prince's first TV special will fare poorly in the ratings after the reclusive rocker sends his body guards to every home in the US to make sure no one is staring at him.

JANUARY

PBS will start its 24-hour, 35-year fund-raising drive with guest host Dick Cavett threatening to hold his breath and turn blue if people don't send in their money.

FEBRUARY



Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert will exchange gunfire on the air after arguing over whether to give the new Sylvester Stallone movie "thumbs up" or "thumbs down."

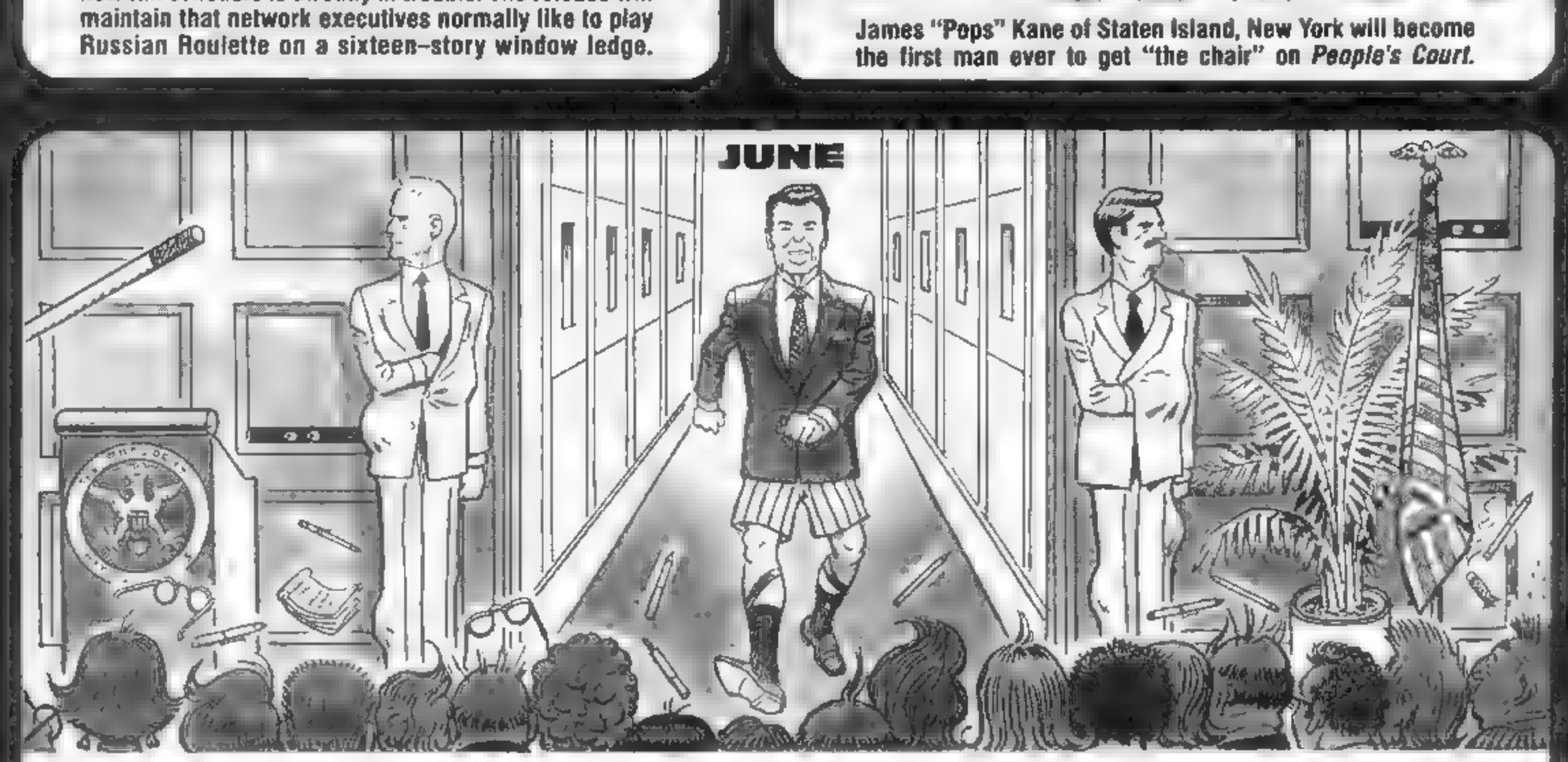
ORECAST FOR THE TV SEASON

WRITER: BARRY LIEBMAN

ABC will issue a press release flatly denying that its new fall schedule is already in trouble. The release will maintain that network executives normally like to play Russian Roulette on a sixteen-story window ledge.

The Reverend Jimmy Swaggart will get lockjaw in front of millions of television viewers, thereby proving conclusively the existence of a just and benevolent God.

James "Pops" Kane of Staten Island, New York will become the first man ever to get "the chair" on *People's Court.*



CBS will unsuccessfully try to boost the ratings for the President's State of the Union Address by calling it "Presidential Bloopers, Blunders and Stupid Mistakes."

A VIEW TO A SPILL DEPT.

"Experts" say there was no damaging effect to the surrounding area when radiation accidentally

THE THREE MILE ISLA

KANGAROOSTER

FLAMINGORILLA

CHIMPANZEBRA

GIRAFGHAN

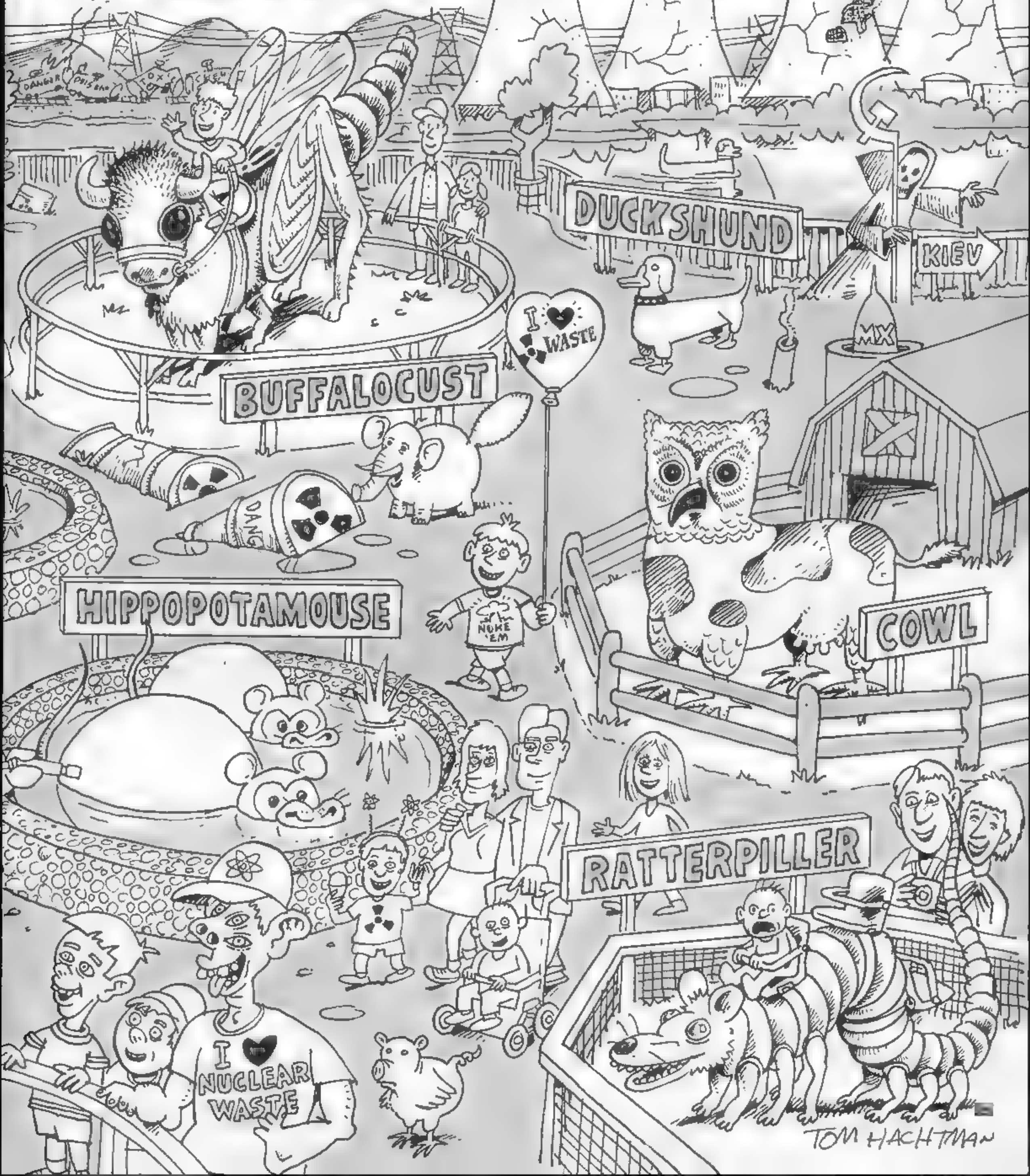
RATTLESNAIL

HARRISBURG HOT-RODS

leaked out at the Three Mile Island nuclear reactor. We're not so sure. Look what we found at...

ND CHILDREN'S ZOO

ARTIST AND WRITER: TOM HACHTMAN



CLOCK WATCHING

What are you still doing up? Do you know what time it is?
Yeah!
I doubt you do! Tell me— exactly what time is it?
Half past "Moonlighting"!

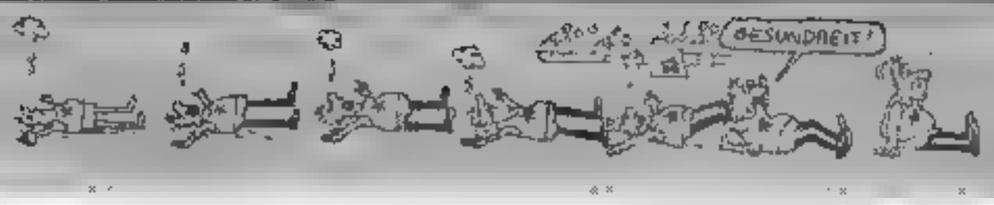
BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTE

FIDELITY

Boy, you just can't trust any of them! I've just found out that Sue is a liar, a cheat, and totally untrustworthy!
Why do you say that?
She told me she was out last night with her girl friend Sherry!
So, how do you know she wasn't?
Because last night I was out with Sherry!

FINANCES



I think I gotta get a **second job!** I'm not making it on my **salary!**
It's hard for anyone to make it with today's **high cost of living!**
Oh, I earn enough to handle the **high cost** of **living,** all right...
It's the **high cost** of **living-it-up** that's throwing me!

R SIDE OF...

ARTIST & WRITER
DAVE BERG

INSECTS

CARS

BRAGGING

We're so **proud** of our Judy! It's **wonderful** to have a **normal,** teenage daughter with **no hang-ups!**
Except when it comes to the **telephone...**
Then she **never hangs up!**

GIFT-GIVING

I want to buy a birthday present for my girl friend, but I don't know what to buy! Can you help me out?
Of course! What **type** of person is she?

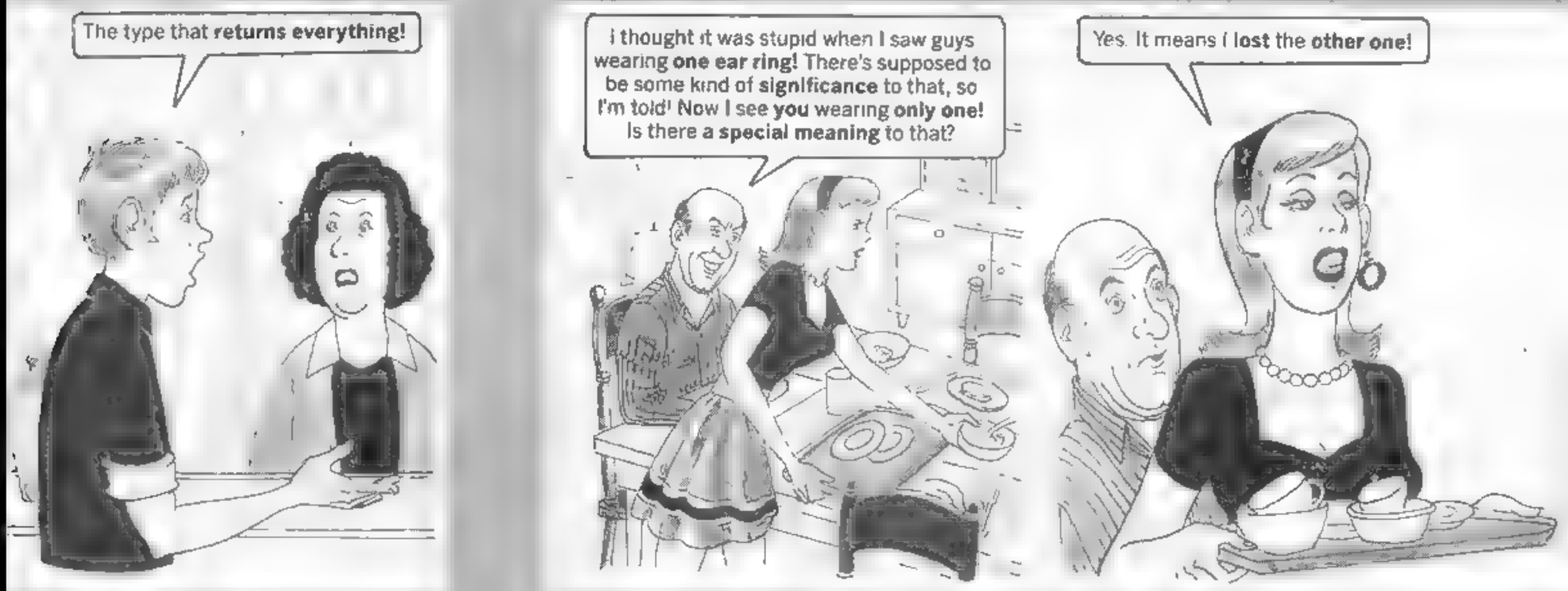
ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

Terry, this is Elena! Today's her first day on the job, so show her around and teach her the ropes!
Sure thing, Mr. De Lucia! C'mon, Elena...
You'll soon learn this isn't the **safest job** in the world! There are several **occupational hazards!**
And **here they are...**

POPULARITY

RING
Roy, after what you tried to do last night I **never** want to see you **again! Drop dead,** you **swine!**
Who was that on the phone?
Just **another girl!** They won't **leave me alone!**

FADS


The type that **returns everything!**
I thought it was stupid when I saw guys wearing **one ear ring!** There's supposed to be some kind of **significance** to that, so I'm told! Now I see **you** wearing **only one!** Is there **a special meaning** to that?
Yes. It means I **lost** the **other one!**

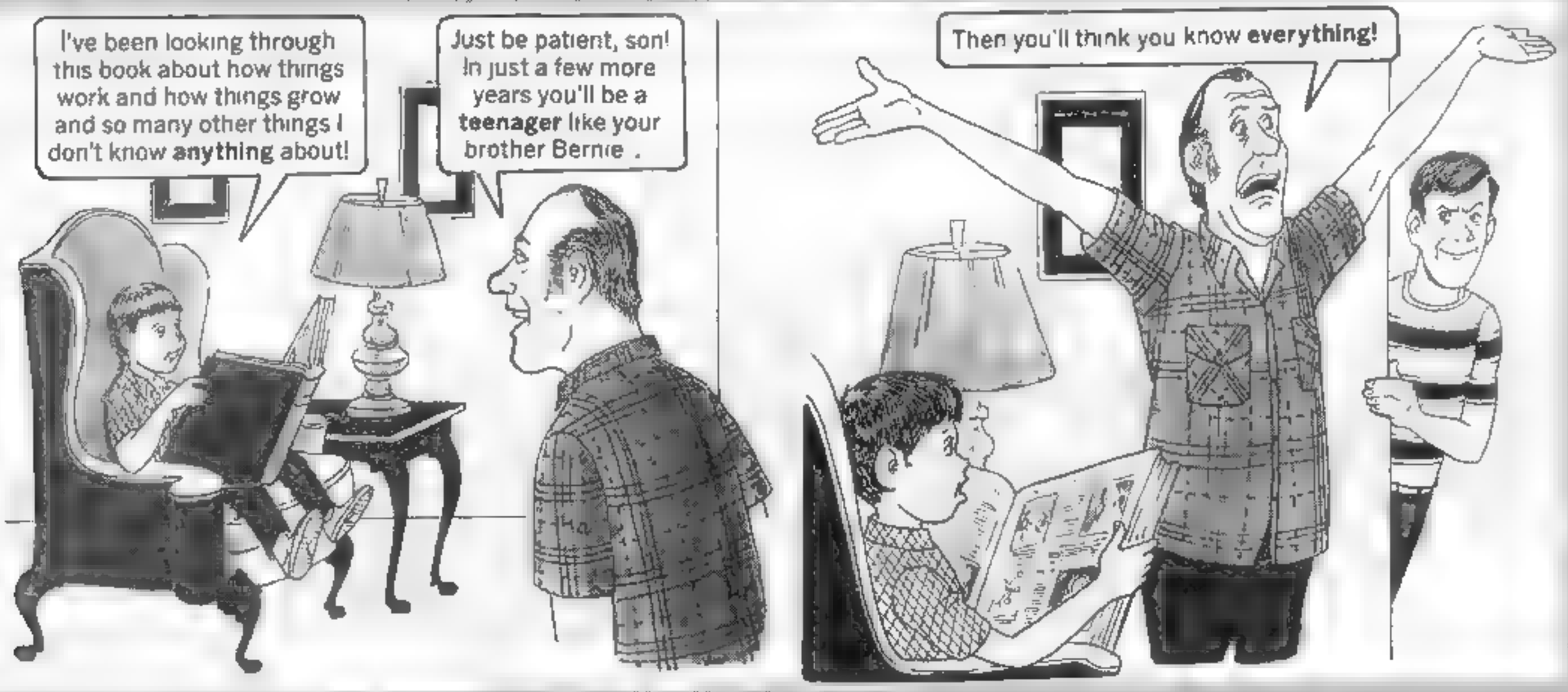
CAUTION

Class, What we have here is a microcosm of the **dangers** we face in **modern industry!** This jar contains **a chemical** used daily in various manufacturing processes! It is **extremely toxic!** Eric Wessel, if this jar should **break,** what **steps would you take?**
Very, very **long ones!**

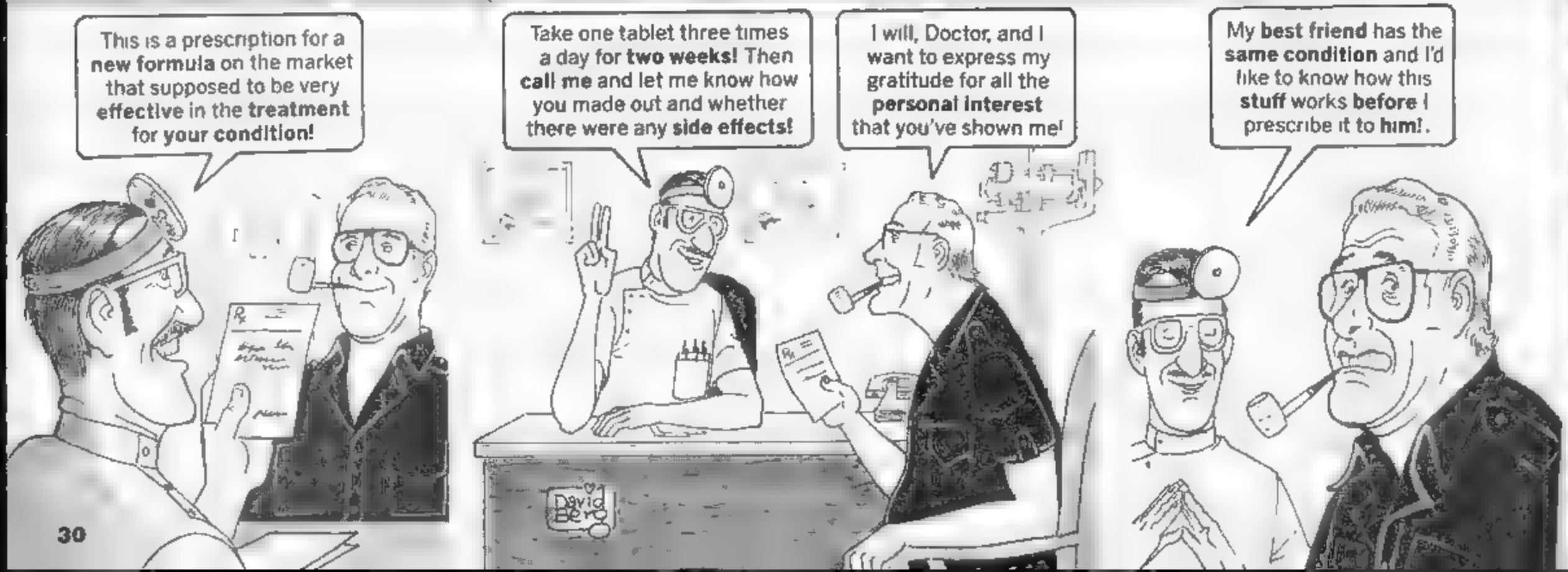
HOT WEATHER

Nick, didn't you say you were going to **mow** the **lawn** today?
Are you **kidding?** Gimme a break, Meg, it's **90 degrees** out there!
You feel it more when you just **sit around** and **complain** about it!
You're **right!** I'll concentrate on **something else** and forget about the heat!
I'll go play some **tennis!**

KNOWLEDGE


I've been looking through this book about how things work and how things grow and so many other things I don't know **anything** about!
Just be patient, son! In just a few more years you'll be a **teenager** like your brother Bernie .
Then you'll think you know **everything!**

DOCTORS


This is a prescription for a **new formula** on the market that supposed to be very **effective** in the **treatment** for **your condition!**
Take one tablet three times a day for **two weeks!** Then **call me** and let me know how you made out and whether there were any **side effects!**
I will, Doctor, and I want to express my gratitude for all the **personal interest** that you've shown me!
My **best friend** has the **same condition** and I'd like to know how this **stuff** works **before** I prescribe it to **him!**.

TOO STEEP, PER CHANCE TO REAM DEPT.

FALL

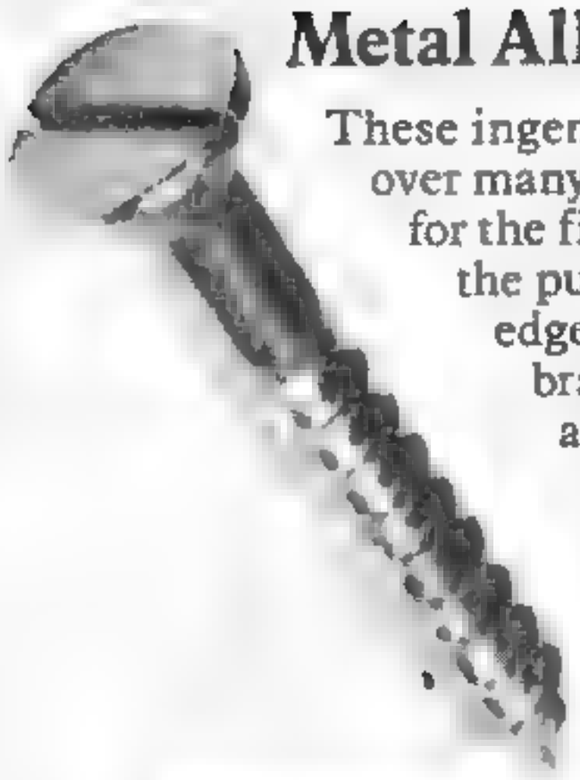
SINGLE ISSUE PRICE $100.00 CHEAP

THE DEFENSE CONTRACTORS' CLEARINGHOUSE CATALOG

GENERAL PUBLIC DIVISION

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE WRITER: JOHN RIOS

Metal Alloy Hammerless Brads Stock #461945



These ingenious brads were developed and perfected over many years of extensive scientific research. Now, for the first time ever, they are being made available to the public at an unbelievable low, low price. Any flat-edged utensil may be used to insert these hammerless brads. Simply place the flat-edged utensil in the slot and turn the brad clockwise to insert. Reverse the procedure if it ever becomes necessary to remove the brad. They're reusable and they last a lifetime.

Price: $100.00 per gross. Also available in discount volume lots of 100 grosses at $75.00 per gross. Offer limited! Act now and save!

Flat-Edge Hammerless Brad Inserter/Extractor Stock #461923

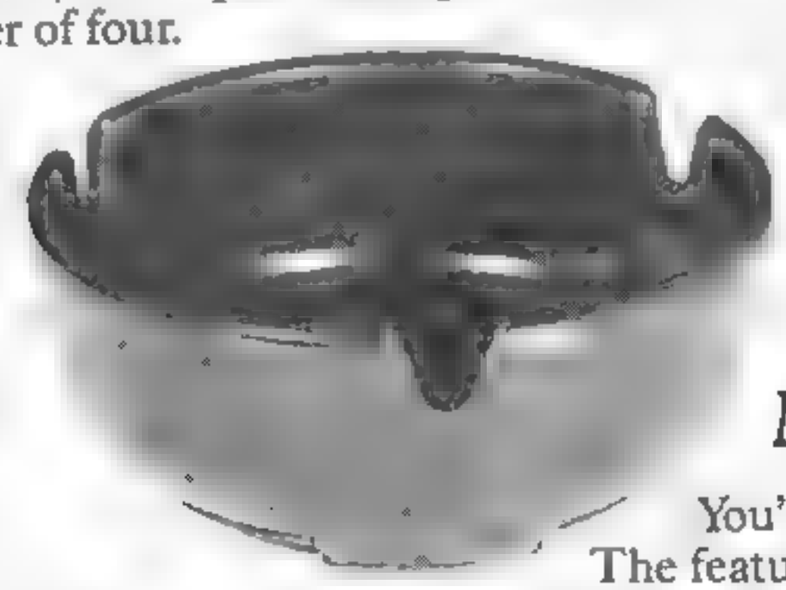
Why wrack your brain searching for a flat-edged utensil to insert a metal alloy hammerless brad? Let us supply you with one at an incredible, give-away price. It has a genuine timber-extracted handle (executive model comes with plastic molded grip—$100.00 extra) and has a drop-forged metal projection. Indicate whether you want the clockwise or counter-clockwise working model. Or, order two and we'll make sure you get one of each.

Price: $375.00 each, while supply lasts.

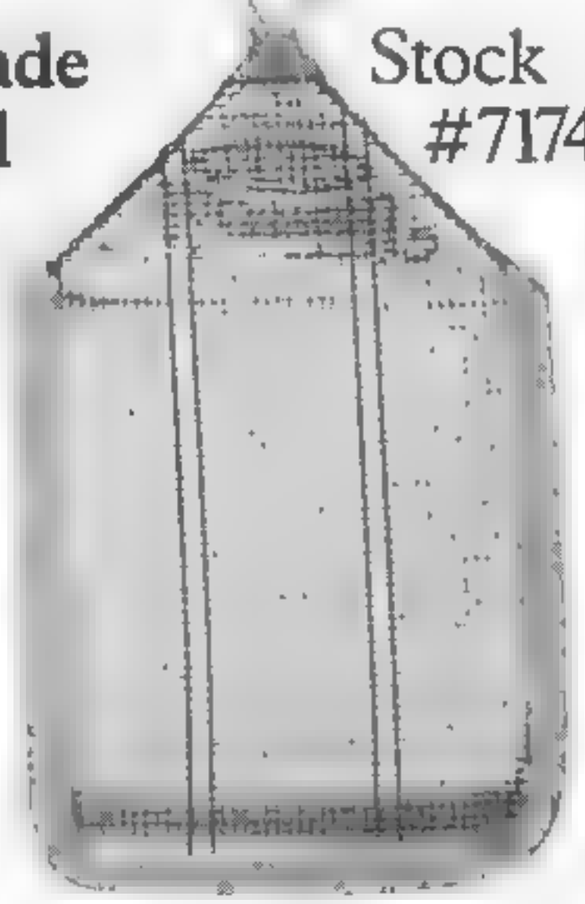
Space Age Photosphere (Previously sold as The Night Neutralizer Orb) Stock #215811

With this revolutionary device you need never again grope around aimlessly in the dark. Just a flick of a switch (sold separately) and you have instant simulated sunlight. Your choice of colors: clear, frosted, blue, green, red and yellow. Available in wattages of 25, 60, 75, 100, 150 and 200.

Price: $275.00 per Photosphere. Minimum order of four.



Fixed Blade Acoustical Equalizer Stock #717493



Enjoy the benefit of controlling your atmosphere. No longer will you have to share your surroundings with pesky, buzzing, airborne insects. Forget chemical sprays, foggers and overpriced electronic gadgets. The handle is made of washable metal and the eliminator surface is made of fine woven mesh. One swat and your problems are over.

Price: $216.00 ea. (2 for $400.00).

Magnetic Base Tobacco Residue Receptacle

You've seen this look elsewhere costing much, much more.
The features are aesthetically pleasing, as well as being entirely functional.
The latest dynamic engineering keeps ashes from dirtying your floor and clothing too.

Stock #552628

Price: $499.00 (small). $799.00 (large).

Dual Ledger Pricing Index
Stock #101517

Especially if you're due for an audit, you'll want to own a Dual Ledger Pricing Index. One ledger is right on the money down to the last red cent and is perfect for showing to auditors. The other reflects cost overruns, phony overtime put in by fictitious employees, inflated wholesale prices, non-existent parts costs, exorbitant shipping expenses, etc., etc., etc., and is perfect for showing to buyers. Comes complete with instructions, a list of lawyers and a list of countries that refuse to extradite anybody, regardless of their offenses.

Price: $1050.00, and worth every penny. Trust us.

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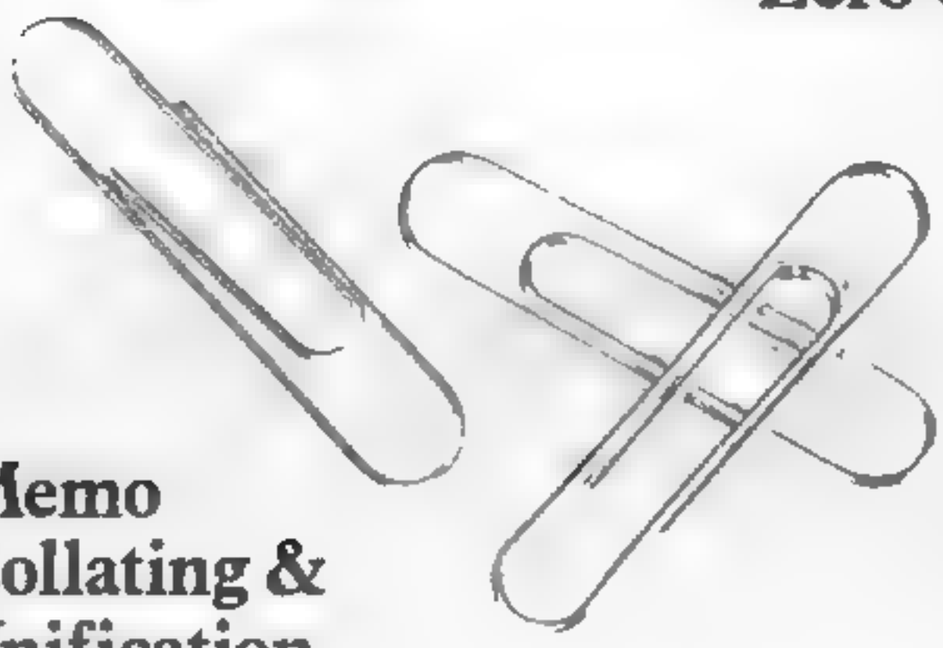
Zero Gravity Lead Dispenser With Lead Eradicating System Stock #517572

Encased in a sturdy barrel of forest-extracted material, this unique writing instrument, formulated of graphite lead, transfers your thoughts onto paper in a matter of seconds. Made a mistake? Nothing to worry about. Our development department has designed a self-contained eradicating system which is conveniently attached to the end of the dispenser. Simply rub your error out and start over again. The lead point never clogs, leaks, or skips while in use. Ideal for writing under zero gravity conditions when a pen won't do.

Price: $60.00 per box of 10.
Add $10.00 extra for factory honing.



Memo Collating & Unification System

Stock #258100

For the ultimate in contemporary features, you can't beat our durable Memo Collating & Unification System. Never again lose the invitations your boss gave you to his son's Bar Mitzvah. Never again misplace the airline tickets for the junket paid for from the coffers of the Defense Department. You can even link them together to form an elegantly decorative necklace or bracelet.

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$65.00 per box of assorted colors and sizes.

Lead Dispenser Honer Stock #517571

Save! Save!! Save!!! Now you can save big by honing your Zero Gravity Lead Dispensers in the privacy of your own home or office. This complete unit never requires batteries and is so small that it fits in the palm of your hand! Price: $30.00 each.

PAYING OFF ALONE DEPT.

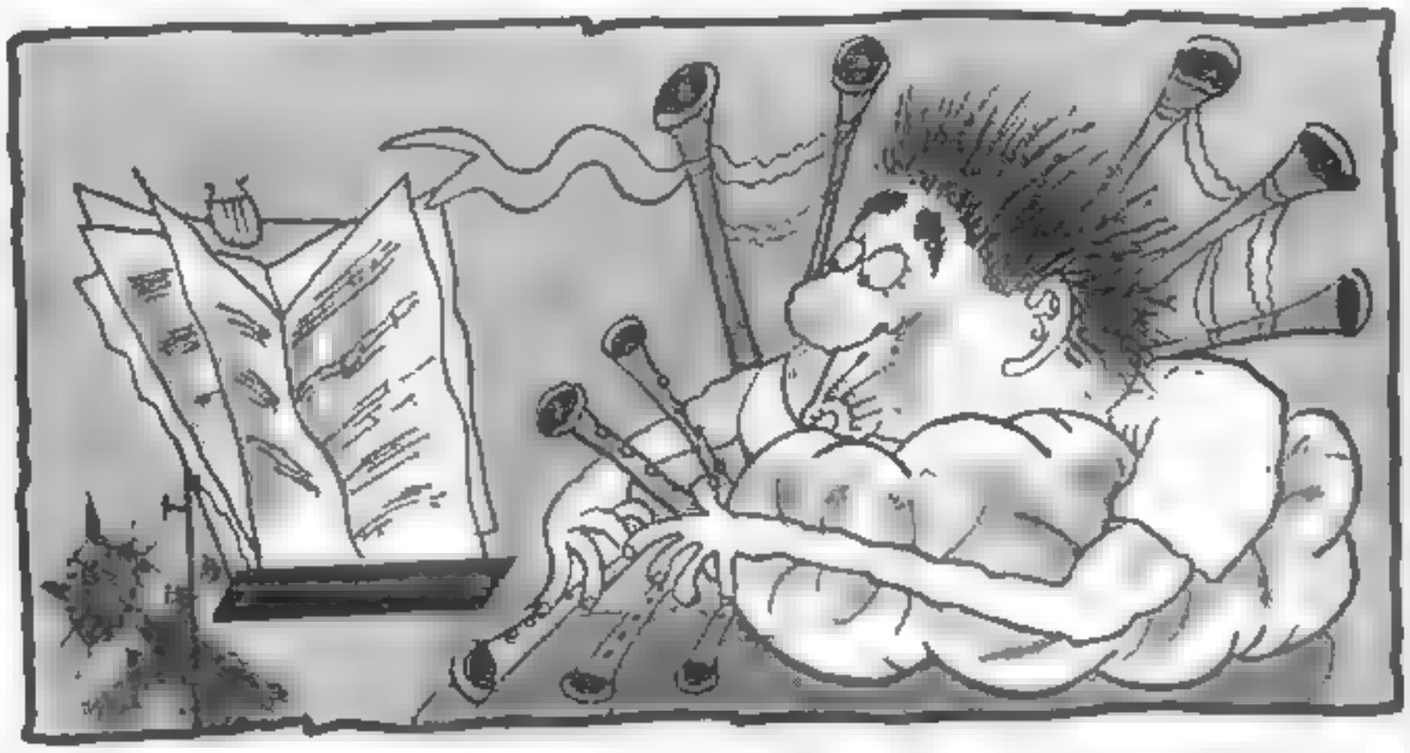
So your true love has just walked out on you and you're feeling kind of low?

THE ADVANTAGES

You can eat *smelly* and *crumbly* things in *bed*...

...hang out again with your *"creepy friends"*...

...take lessons and practice any *musical instrument* you like...



...drink *right out* of the *container*...

Well, relax! It ain't so bad! You'll see as Mad now presents just some of...

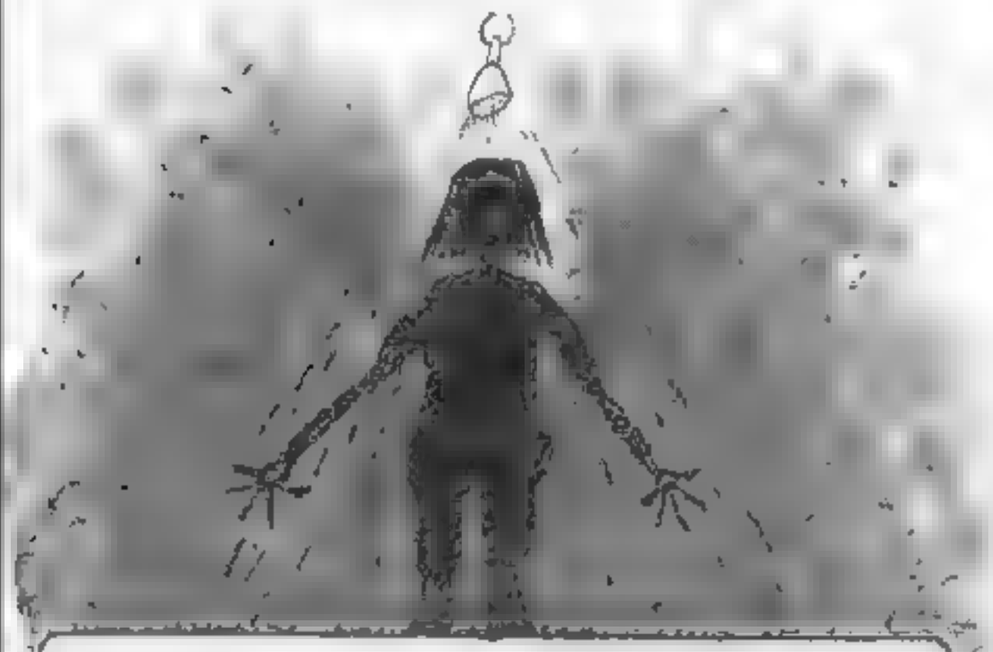
OF BEING DUMPED

...monopolize the phone for the weekend...

...redecorate the place your way...

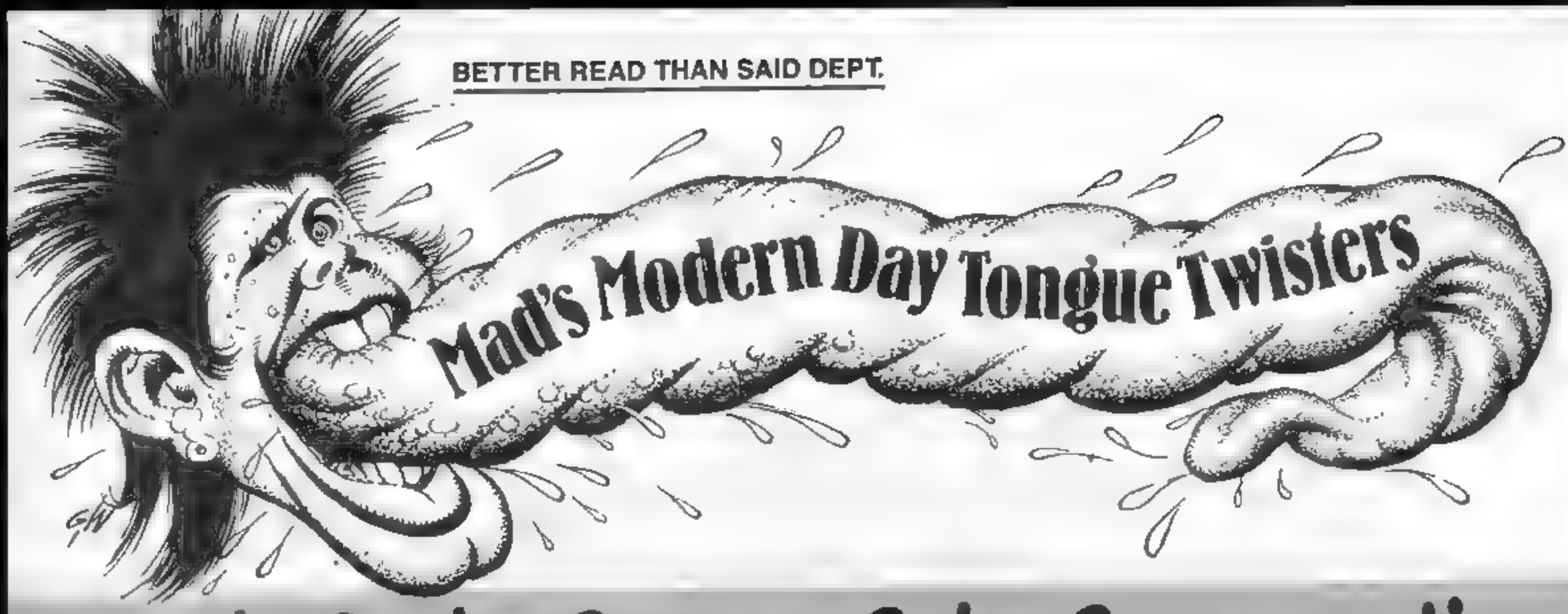
...own and enjoy any pet you want...

...use up all the hot water in the house...



...finally agree with your parents!

ARTIST AND WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES



Comic Cosby Coaxes Coke Consumption

Plummeting Pump Prices Plague Persian Petrol Producers

Youths Seek Truth With Sex Sleuth Ruth

Blonde Baby Boomers Buy Bloomingdale's Blue Baby Bloomers

She Smells Slick Smells By The Seashore

How Much Dope Did The Dope Dealer Deal When The Dope Dealer Did Deal Dope?

Tots Toying With Toxic Toys Get Totaled

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE WRITER: DAVID AMES

SERGIO ARAGONES DEPT.

HEAD TRIP

SHUNS OF PITCHES DEPT.

And now the sharp eyes of MAD take a long hard look at

Those Ridiculous litt

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

TV COMMERCIALS SAY RIDICULOUS THINGS LIKE

The Do-It-Yourself Emporium is conveniently located in the New Glitzy Mall near East Wuthering Heights.

THINKING ABOUT IT THIS MUST MEAN...

The location is "convenient" for everyone who lives in the part of East Wuthering Heights that's near the New Glitzy Mall. From 25 miles away it's a lot less convenient, but they hope you won't realize that until you're already on the road.

TV COMMERCIALS SAY RIDICULOUS THINGS LIKE

Dipsy-Cola is now available in handy six-packs at your favorite store.

THINKING ABOUT IT THIS MUST MEAN...

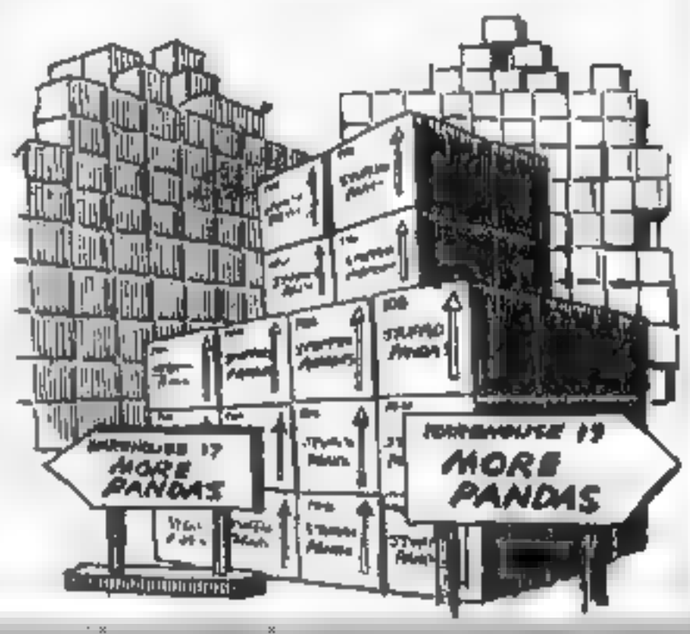
They're surely aware that exclusive clothing shops and jewelry salons don't sell soft drinks, so they obviously assume your favorite store is a crowded, smelly supermarket.

TV COMMERCIALS SAY RIDICULOUS THINGS LIKE

You must act quickly to get one of these gorgeous stuffed pandas because the supply is limited.

THINKING ABOUT IT THIS MUST MEAN...

Even five million lousy pandas can be considered a "limited" supply when compared to the infinite quantities of such things as outer space, rainwater, a Mother's love and the gas you get from eating baked beans.



TV COMMERCIALS SAY RIDICULOUS THINGS LIKE

For maximum savings, get Ocean Spritz Cran-Cantaloupe Juice in the big full quart bottle.

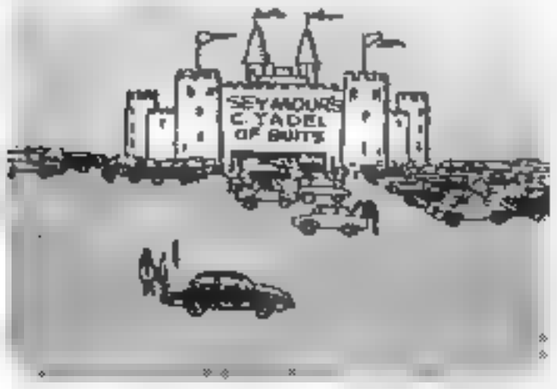
THINKING ABOUT IT THIS MUST MEAN...

They helpfully call it a "big full" quart bottle so you won't get it confused with some other size of quart bottle, such as the small partly empty quart bottle or the gigantic overflowing quart bottle.

Things TV Commercials Say!

WRITER: TOM KOCH

TV COMMERCIALS SAY RIDICULOUS THINGS LIKE



At Seymour's Citadel of Suits, there's always a full acre of free parking.

THINKING ABOUT IT THIS MUST MEAN...

The clothing they sell may shrink, but they give you their unconditional guarantee that the size of their parking lot remains unchanged from day to day.

TV COMMERCIALS SAY RIDICULOUS THINGS LIKE

Mudworth House is now available in both regular blend and new decaffeinated. Ask for it by name.

THINKING ABOUT IT THIS MUST MEAN...

They prefer you ask for their product by name because it wastes too much time when you play Charades with the grocer to make him guess what it is you want.

TV COMMERCIALS SAY RIDICULOUS THINGS LIKE

Pomeroy's Shoe Polish is available at better stores everywhere.

THINKING ABOUT IT THIS MUST MEAN...

Don't blame them if you can't find it. The obvious problem is you do all your shopping at worse stores everywhere.

TV COMMERCIALS SAY RIDICULOUS THINGS LIKE

Come see us at Smiling Sid's Stable of Sleek Sedans, where we have been serving the community since 1957.

THINKING ABOUT IT THIS MUST MEAN...

They're trying to gain your trust and regain their own self-respect with the preposterous claim that a used car lot is somehow "serving the community."

THE LAME OF THE GAME DEPT.

"Trivial Pursuit" is such an enormous success that its makers have been able to cash in big by selling "special editions" of the game to movie buffs, sports enthusiasts, baby boomers

Future "Special Editi

LAME DUCK *THE POLITICIAN'S EDITION*

IDEA: ELIZABETH WHITE

FI	In our nation's capitol, those responsible for formulating important legislation are known as_____?
L	What do the White House, the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial have in common?
IB	What does the Pentagon consider its biggest threat?
US	After the President and the Vice President, who is next in command of the U.S. Government?
T	When a President is inaugurated, what must he swear to do?
ER	How have many well-known politicians chosen to end their careers?

Lame Duck

FI	Lobbyists
L	All three have been offered as Grand Prizes in the Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes
IB	World peace
US	Lee Iacocca
T	To never pre-empt "The Cosby Show" for a press conference
ER	By accepting the endorsement of Walter Mondale

BOOM! *THE TERRORIST'S EDITION*

K	What usually tops the list of terrorists' demands?
HA	What method do hostages frequently use to insure their safe release?
D	What is worse than being hijacked by Palestinians?
A	What evil organization keeps more innocent people living in terror than any other?
FF	What is Libya's "Line Of Death"?
Y	What is the official term used by airlines for bombs placed on passenger jets?

Boom!

K	To be a guest on "Nightline"
HA	Keeping a diary and offering 50% of the profits when it's published back in the States
D	Being rescued by Egyptians
A	The I.R.S.
FF	"Hey Moammar, you suck!"
Y	In-flight movies

WAITING ROOM *THE DOCTOR'S EDITION*

Q	What do the initials "M D" after a doctor's name stand for?
UA	When an unconscious person with a serious head injury is rushed to an emergency room, what is the first thing doctors check for?
C	What do four out of five doctors recommend for pain?
K	In the hours immediately following surgery, what is the greatest threat to the patient's life?
ER	What medical procedure used to be performed routinely by doctors, but is now considered superfluous and unnecessary?
Y	What sleep-inducing anesthetics are the overwhelming favorites of M Ds?

Waiting Room

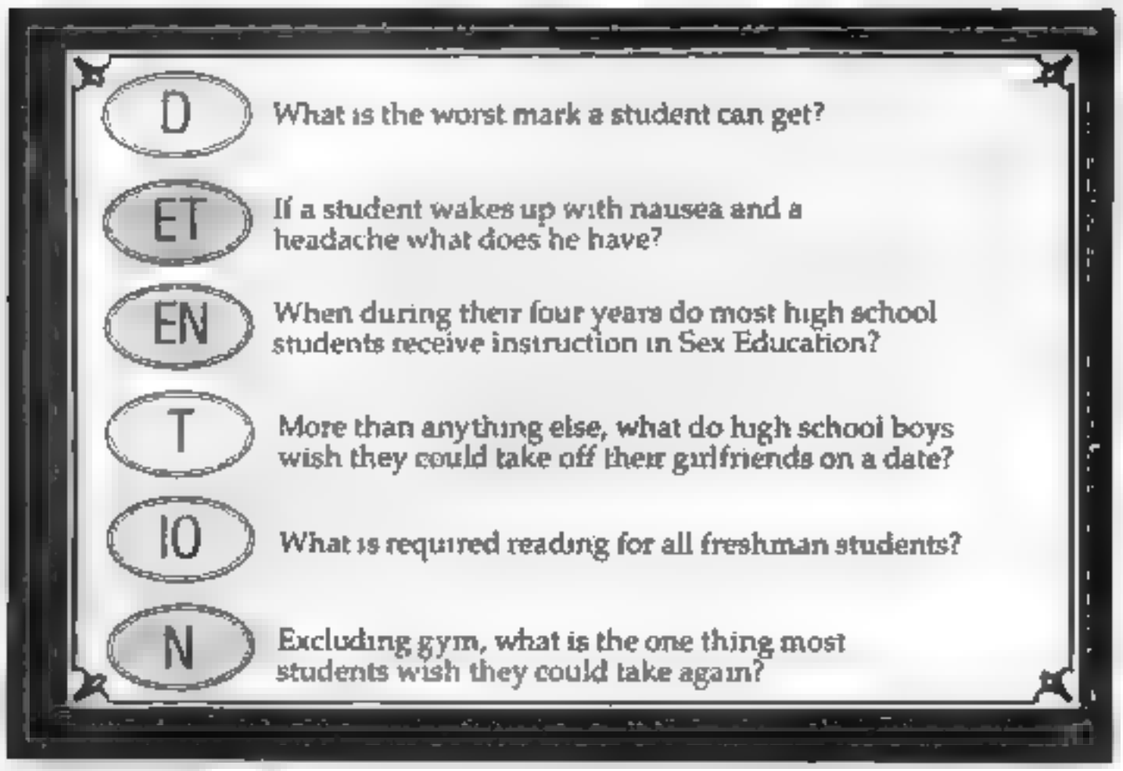
Q	Malpractice Defendant
UA	A valid insurance card in the person's wallet
C	Hitting yourself on the head with a hammer
K	Hospital food
ER	Getting a degree from a reputable medical school
Y	The magazines found in their waiting rooms

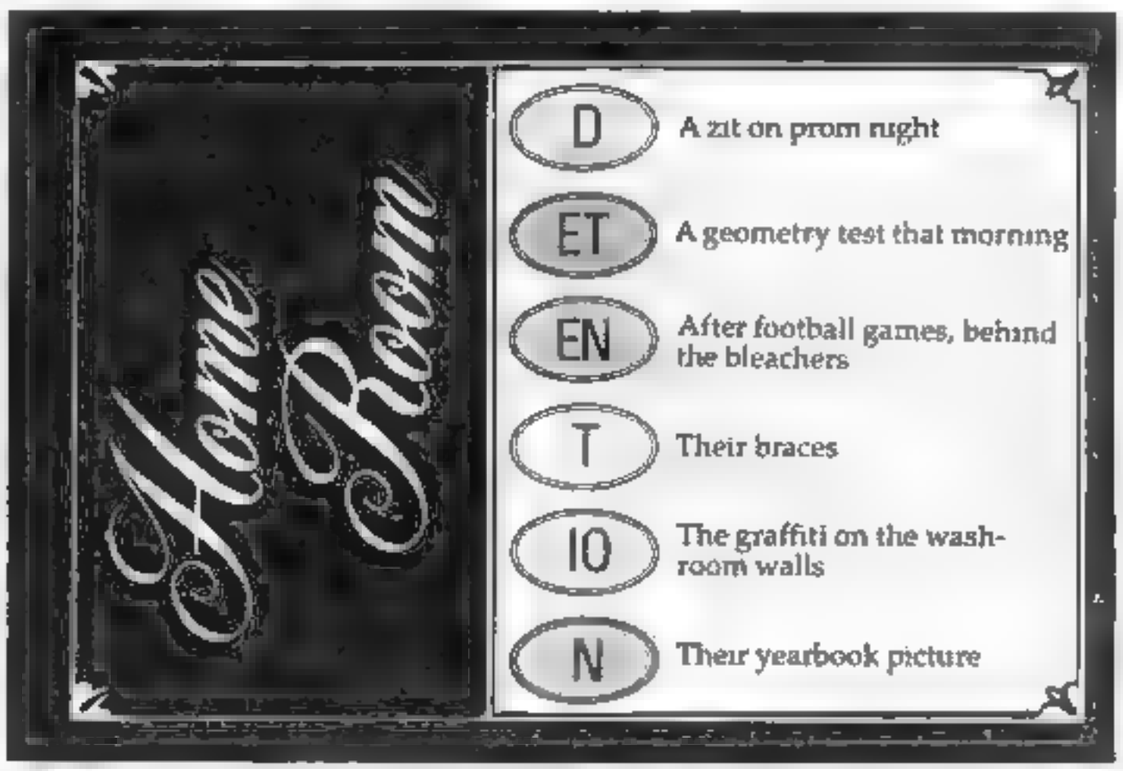
and music fans. We at MAD figure that if they keep this up, it won't be too long before they run short of good topics and begin scraping the bottom of the barrel by introducing these...

ons' of Trivial Pursuit

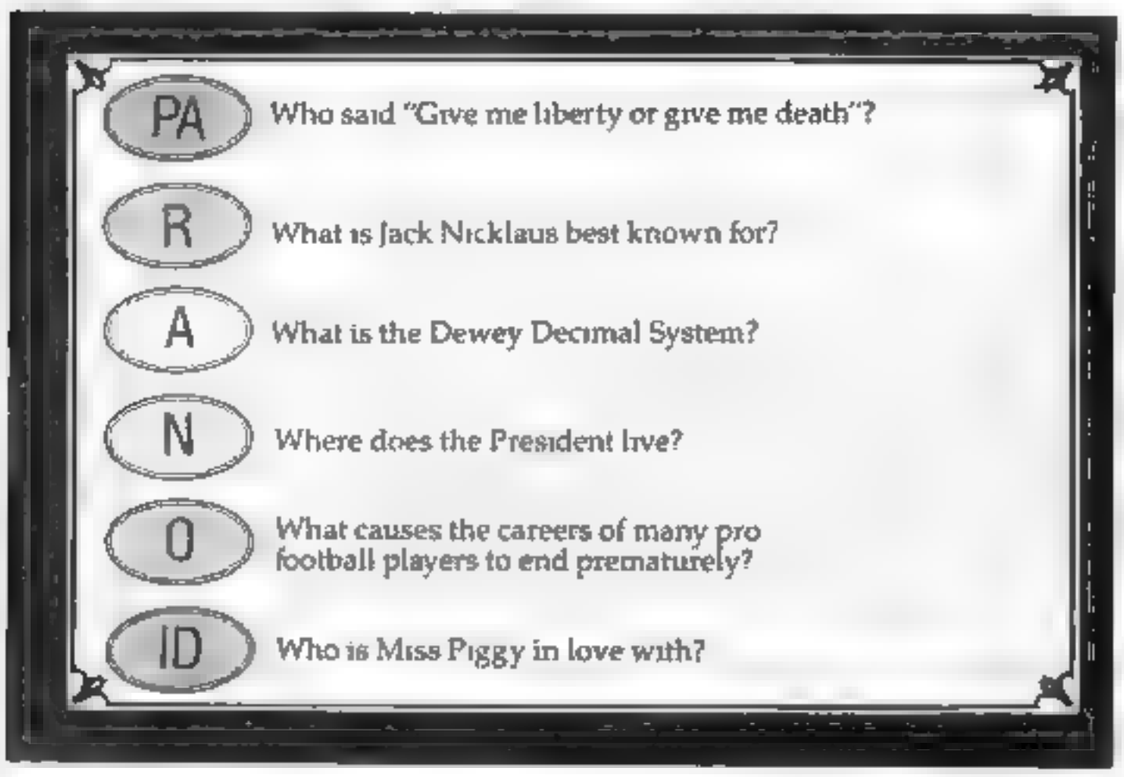
HOME ROOM *THE HIGH SCHOOL EDITION*

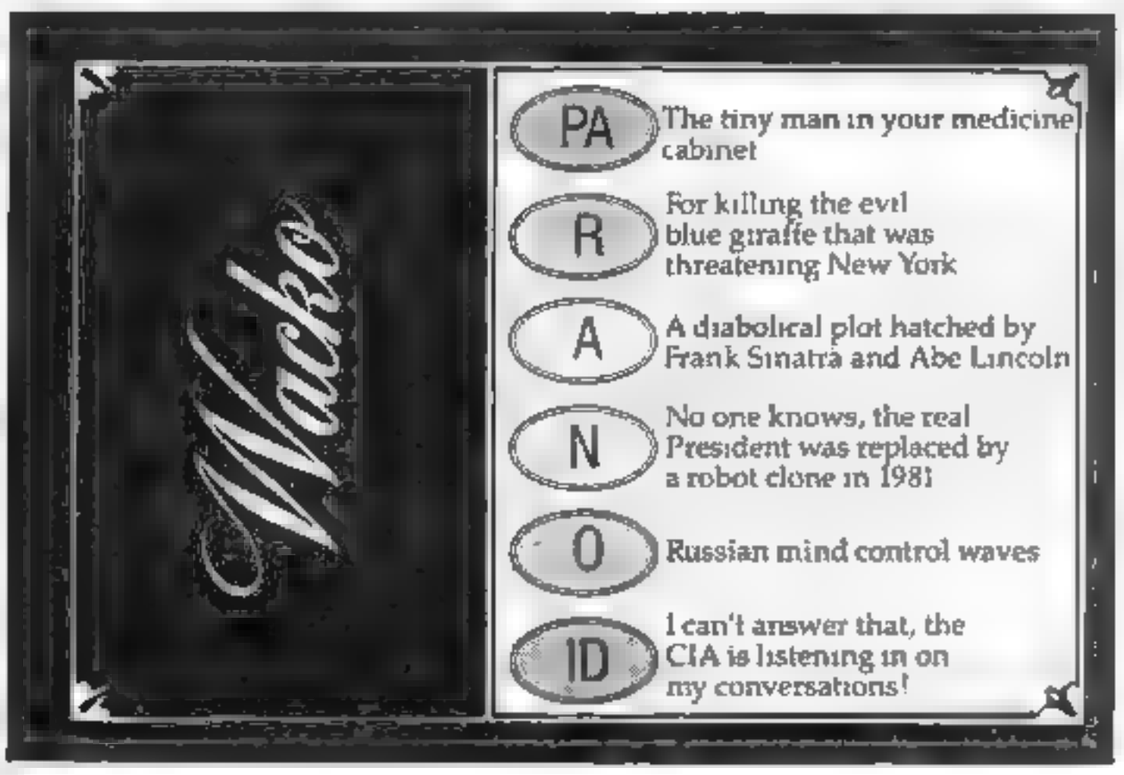
WRITERS: JOE RAIOLA AND CHARLES KADAU


D
What is the worst mark a student can get?
ET
If a student wakes up with nausea and a headache what does he have?
EN
When during their four years do most high school students receive instruction in Sex Education?
T
More than anything else, what do high school boys wish they could take off their girlfriends on a date?
IO
What is required reading for all freshman students?
N
Excluding gym, what is the one thing most students wish they could take again?

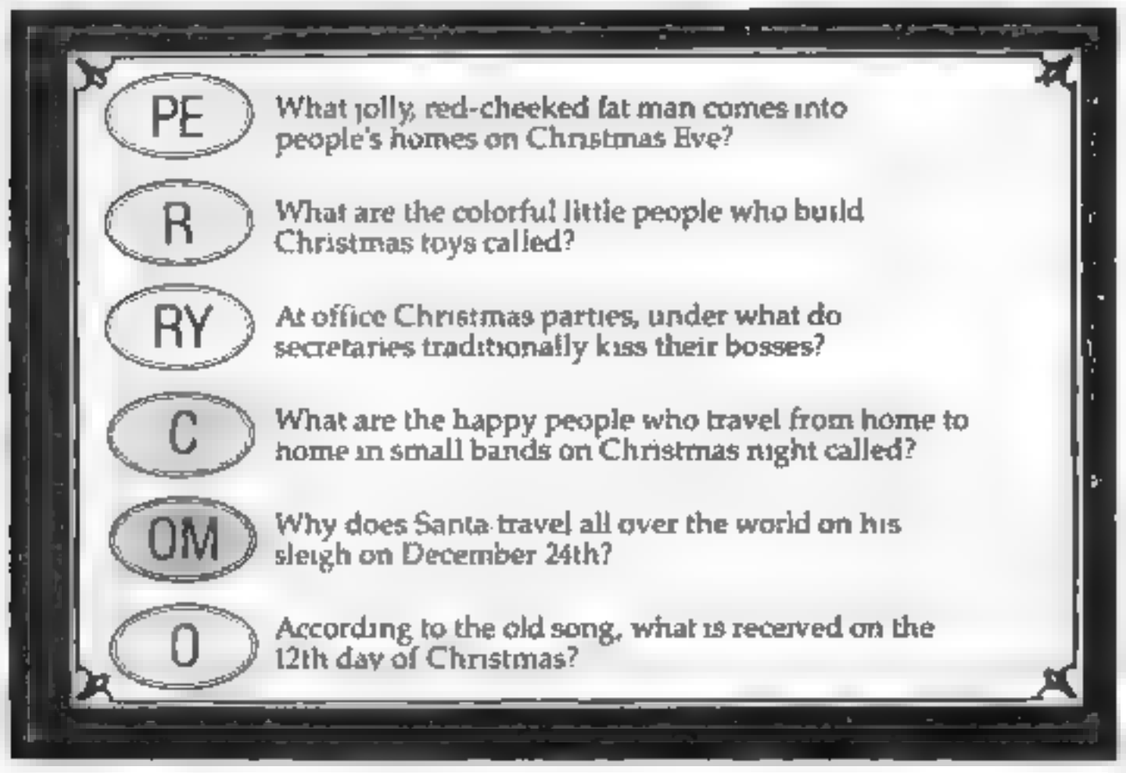


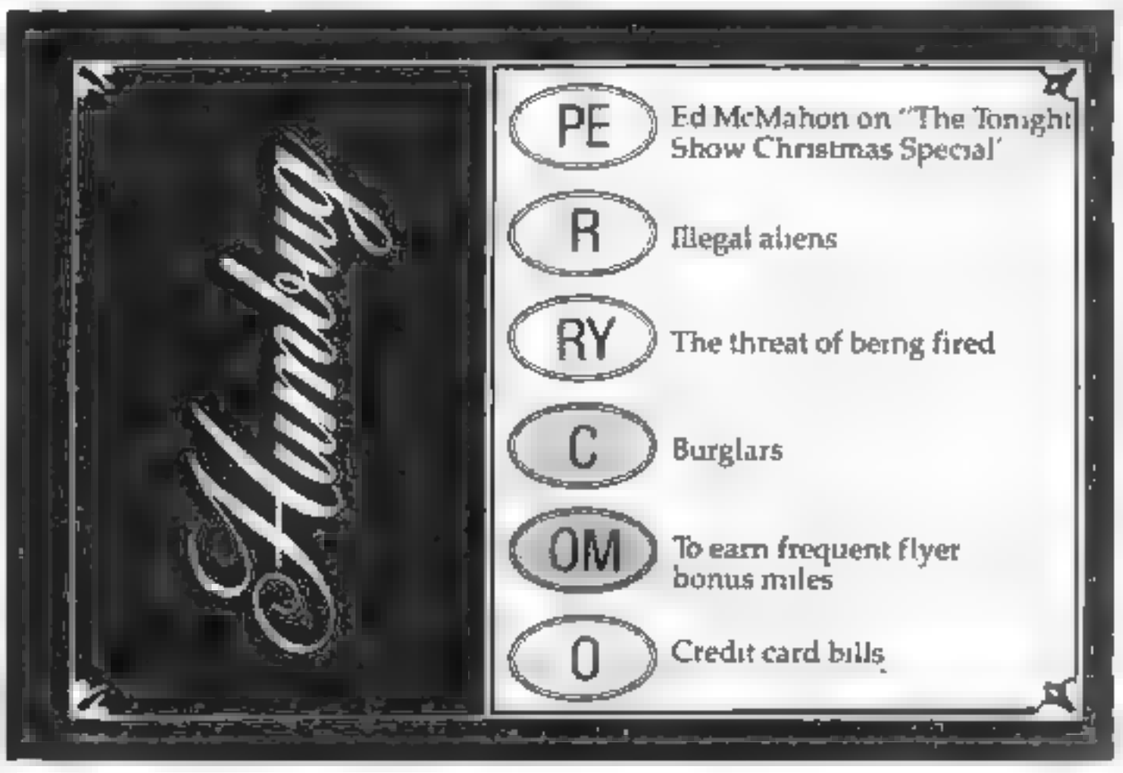
WACKO *THE PSYCHOTIC'S EDITION*


PA
Who said "Give me liberty or give me death"?
R
What is Jack Nicklaus best known for?
A
What is the Dewey Decimal System?
N
Where does the President live?
O
What causes the careers of many pro football players to end prematurely?
ID
Who is Miss Piggy in love with?


Wacko
PA
The tiny man in your medicine cabinet
R
For killing the evil blue giraffe that was threatening New York
A
A diabolical plot hatched by Frank Sinatra and Abe Lincoln
N
No one knows, the real President was replaced by a robot clone in 1981
O
Russian mind control waves
ID
I can't answer that, the CIA is listening in on my conversations!

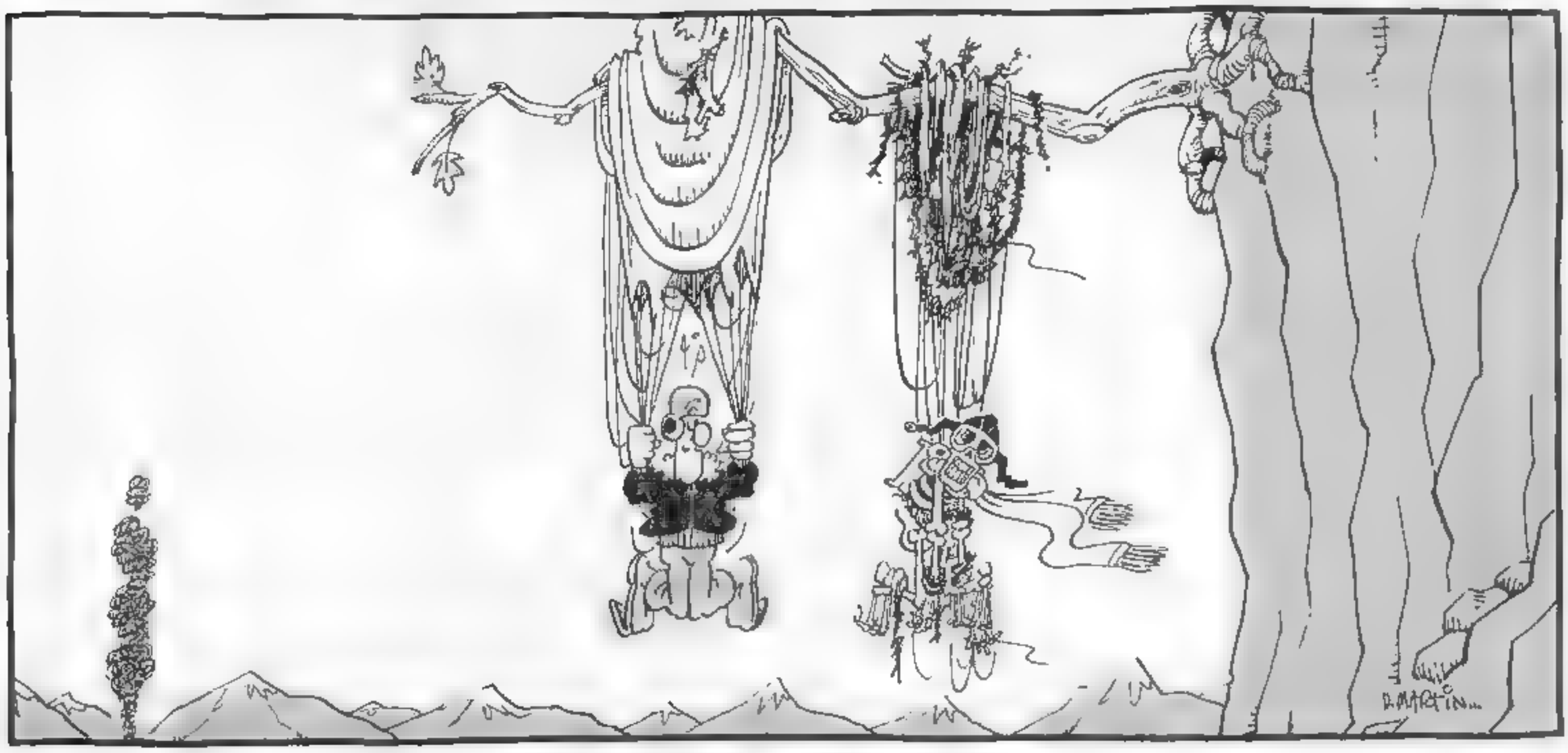
HUMBUG *THE CHRISTMAS EDITION*


PE
What jolly, red-cheeked fat man comes into people's homes on Christmas Eve?
R
What are the colorful little people who build Christmas toys called?
RY
At office Christmas parties, under what do secretaries traditionally kiss their bosses?
C
What are the happy people who travel from home to home in small bands on Christmas night called?
OM
Why does Santa travel all over the world on his sleigh on December 24th?
O
According to the old song, what is received on the 12th day of Christmas?



DON MARTIN DEPT. PART II

Early One Afternoon at Top Gunk



ARTIST: DON MARTIN WRITER: DON EDWING

OFFICERS IN DIS-DRESS DEPT.

It wasn't long ago when all the detectives on television were men. Women were portrayed as being frivolous and silly. But now we have a crime drama show where two of the detectives are women! They're every bit as effective as their male counterparts, and they smell a heck of a lot better! But they're still silly and frivolous! Of course, we're talking about...

Grabme & Spacey

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES WRITER: DICK DE BARTOLO

I'm **Pristine Grabme!** I'm **40-ish,** but I look **younger!** I'm also **single** and I **drink** a little **too much.** But hopefully one day I'll be **married** and I'll have someone to **share** my **life...** and the **cost** of my **booze!** In the meantime, I'll go on working as a **plainclothes detective.** And believe me, on the **salary** they pay New York cops, **plain clothes** are all I can **afford!**

I'm **Merrybet Spacey,** Grabme's **partner!** I'm **40-ish,** but look **older!** I'm a very **private person,** so **don't** ask me about my husband **Hardly,** who's usually **out of work** or **not happy** with the job he **has,** or my **two boys** who wish I wasn't a **cop,** or our new **baby daughter** who drives us all **nuts** with her **crying!** Oh, did I mention our new **house?** Anyway, the guys down here at the police precinct are always **teasing** me. They say they don't know which **is thicker:** my New York **accent** or my **midriff bulge!**

I'm **Lt. Darnrules.** I'm **in charge** here! And although I'm a bit **gruff,** I'm not a **male chauvinist** at all! In fact, I kinda **like** having Grabme and Spacey on my staff. Having **two broads** around here **brightens up** the place a bit!

I'm **Issexy.** God's **gift** to **women!** Now if I could only get some women to **accept** the **"gift"!**

I'm **Detective Peachy** and I'm just a **token** around here! Not a token **black,** a token **detective!** Grabme and Spacey get all the **good** cases in this precinct, so the **rest** of us **guys** are **all tokens!**

I'm the **desk sergeant.** I just mostly **smile.** But everyone in this precinct is so **heavy-handed** and **depressing,** a simple **smile** is like **major comic relief!**

We're **Starsky** and **Hutch!** We want to report a **robbery!** Someone **stole our show** and **gave it** to two **women detectives!**

OK, **listen up!** We've got a **rape, arson,** a **drug bust** and a hit-and-run **accident.**

Perfect! I was **hoping** for a **quiet** day!

The **Chick Glitz Deli** was held up for the **third** time **this week!** Grabme, **you** and **Spacey** get on it right away!

Naw, that's too **cut and dry!** No **pathos** or chance for long-winded **speeches** on "the world as seen by **two modern women.**"

A **Mr. Manana** called. He's being **har-assed** by his **landlord** so he'll **move out.**

Bingo! That case sounds like "**maud-lin city**"! Let's get over there **right away!**

You know, Spacey, sometimes I think I'm **never** going to meet **Mr. Right!** Guys are **afraid** to date a **woman cop!**

That's **not true!** What about the guy that **followed** you **every-where** all last week?

He **stopped** following me once I **took off** the **handcuffs!**

How about that **other guy** you were dating? The one you **lied** to and told you worked in a **doughnut shop?**

He **split, too!** On our last date, I opened my purse and my **gun** fell out. I told him I used it to shoot **holes** in the **center** of the **doughnuts** but he didn't **believe me** for a **second!**

PARK

MAD AVE

WE DON'T NEED NO STINKIN BADGERS

HELP!

FALLEN CRANE ZONE

FALLEN BRICK ZONE

You know, Merrybet, you **passed** the address we're going to **three times** already!

I know, but I have **a wonderful husband** and three **great kids! Your** personal life is **nothing** but **despair** and **depression!** So I thought the **least I** could do is **keep driving around...** until you finished **complaining!**

You have a lot of **class,** Merrybet!

Look at this place! **Roaches** are everywhere! There hasn't been **heat** or **hot water** for **six months! Hookers** and **drug pushers** live on both sides of me! I need **help** fast!

Let me ask you one question first: Are there any **vacancies?** This place sounds a lot **better** than the **dump** I live in **now!**

TOC TOC

You don't **want** to live **here**, **believe** me! The landlord is trying to **force** us all to **move** so he can sell the building to a **condo developer.** They **harass** us day and night! Today there was a **dead body** in the **garbage chute!**

Well, at **least** they're **neat!** They could have **left** the stiff in the **hallway!**

You should **organize!** Elect a **tenant repre-sentative!**

We did! **That's** the guy they found in the **garbage chute!**

This **floor** is a **mess!**

That's **not** the **floor,** that's the **ceiling!**

What's the ceiling doing on the **floor?**

The **same thing** that the **wall** is doing in the tub, **FALLING!**

At least you have a **cat** to keep you **company!**

What **cat?** That's a **rat!** One of the **smaller ones!** I think they truck them in from **other slums!**

How about **get-ting even** with the sleazebag that's doing this to you?

I'd like to, but I'm **afraid** he'll do some-thing **drastic**—like fire his **96-year-old mother!** Then we'll have **no janitor** at all!

ROACH

TICK TICK TICK

You must **tes-tify** against your landlord! You must, **must MUST, MUST!!!**

OK! OK! I'll **testify!** I can't take any more **harassment!**

That's why we're going after your **landlord!**

What landlord? The harassment I mean is **you** and your **part-ner!** Get **out!**

Hey, **Slimebucket!** Here's a **subpoena** for you to appear in **court!** Mr. Manana is going to testify **against** you. The **charge** is **harassing tenants!**

Whadda ya mean? I'm one of the most **generous** land-lords around! Who **else** arranges for the **garbagemen** to **come** every **day** of the week?

Yeah, but **yours** come everyday to **deposit** garbage!

Big **deal!** So **hang** me for mere **details!**

I suggest you get yourself a **good lawyer!**

Perhaps a **young, hand-some** lawyer who's **single** and might be attracted to a **lady detective** who's charging his client with harassment. See, my partner, **Pristine,** is a **lonely lady** and...

MERRYBET! You know, sometimes **I wonder** if you're **worth** the **embar-rassment!**

How's **Grabme,** Mom? We haven't **seen** her in a long time

Grabme's okay, but she still **wishes** she had a **husband** like **I** do. She longs for a **family** and **home-cooked meals!** Now, will you kids please **shut up,** eat your **Chicken McNuggets** and just **stay out** of my **hair!**

NYPD WEIGHTWATCHER

So tell me, **Hardly,** how was your **first day** on the **new job?**

It was **okay!** But it was only a **half day.** I **changed** jobs during my lunch hour!

Hardly, you change **jobs** more **often** then New York City **politicians** accept **bribes!**

I **changed** my mind! I **don't** want to **testify!**

You **can't** let that creep get away with **illegal harassment!** Unless you change your mind and testify, **I'll** show you **harassment!** I'll have your car **ticketed** every day, I'll **watch** your..

Pristine, let **me** deal with him. Sometimes being a **mother** helps a person **relate** better! Mr. Manana, do you want me to send you to **bed** with **no dinner?** How would you like **no TV** for a whole **month?**

I'm **scared!** Yesterday, my car **blew up!** Last night, my apartment caught **fire!** This morning, somebody took a **shot** at me!

You **can't** take that stuff **personally!** This **IS New York!**

Work with us and we'll give you a **new identity!** See that photo? That's **Jimmy Hoffa! He** worked with us and just **look** what we did for **him!**

Boy, I hope Mr. Manana doesn't **change** his **mind again!**

If you're waiting for a **Spanish** guy, about **40, short** with a **moustache,** I think he was **abducted** about ten minutes ago.

What makes you think **that?**

Because as three men **dragged** him out the door he was **screaming,** "Somebody **help me!** I'm being **abducted!!!"**

We've **got** to find Manana right away or **Sleezebag** could **win** this case!

Hey, what are **you two** doing in **here?**

We **always** go into the **bathroom** to **confer!**

But **this** is the **men's room!**

I **know!** What **better** place for my **single** partner here to meet **eligible bachelors!**

Merry-bet... PLEASE!

YOUR BADGES — DON'T LEAVE JOHN WITHOUT 'EM

Okay, buddy, **pull over** to the **curb!**

I **am** at the **curb!** Traffic is so **heavy,** I haven't been able to **leave** the curb for the past **twenty minutes!**

That's why catching crooks in **New York City** is so much **easier** than **anywhere** else!

Well, we **finally** got Mr. Manana to court **safely!** Let's **hope** the case goes **well!**

The judge will now hear the case of the **upstanding, honest-as-Abe-Lincoln** landlord versus the **rotten, no-good weasel** tenant!

Uh oh My **gut feeling** tells me the **fix** is in!

How did the **hearing** go?

Mr. Manana **lost** on a small **technicality.**

What **kind** of **technicality?**

The **judge** was on Sleezebag's **payroll!**

Poor **Manana!** Are you **still** going to give him a **new identity?**

He **already** has a **new identity.** The **minute** the case was thrown out of court, four of Sleezebag's **goons** worked Mr Manana over **Believe me,** he doesn't look **anything** like he used to!

Merrybet, don't you **wish** that, just **once, one** of our cases would have a **happy ending?**

Good news! It just came over the w're. Mr. Slimebucket was **killed** by a **drunken driver!** And that drunken driver was the **judge** who threw out **your case.** He'll get 30 years!

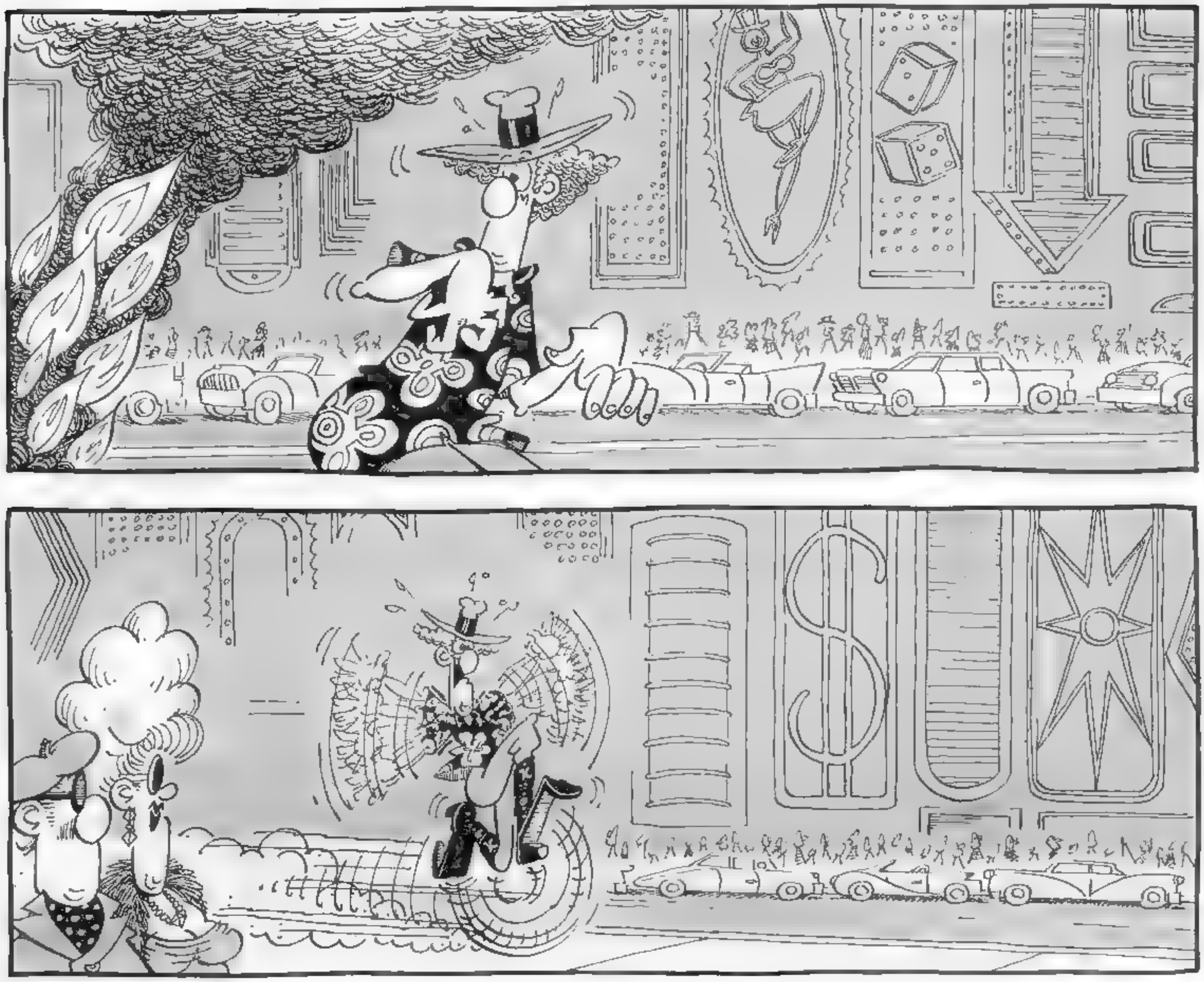
Hey could **this** be our **first happy ending?**

Nah, this is **New York!** Chances are, Sleezebag isn't **really dead**—the **Coroner's** Office just **botched** the **diagnosis!** And as for the **judge,** he'll probably **beat** the drunk driving rap with a **suspended sentence** and wind up with some **cushy political job** down at **City Hall!**

God! I **wish** I had a **man!**

DON MARTIN DEPT. PART III

Early One Evening in Las Vegas



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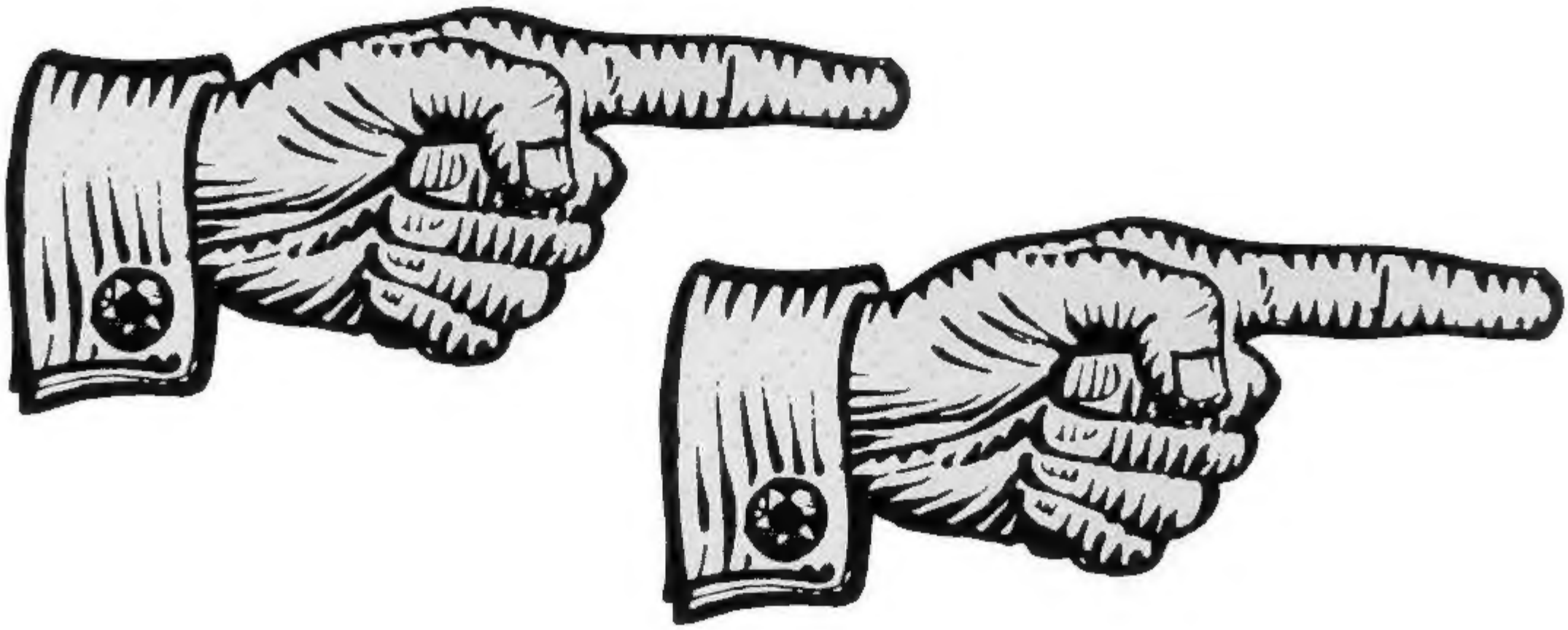

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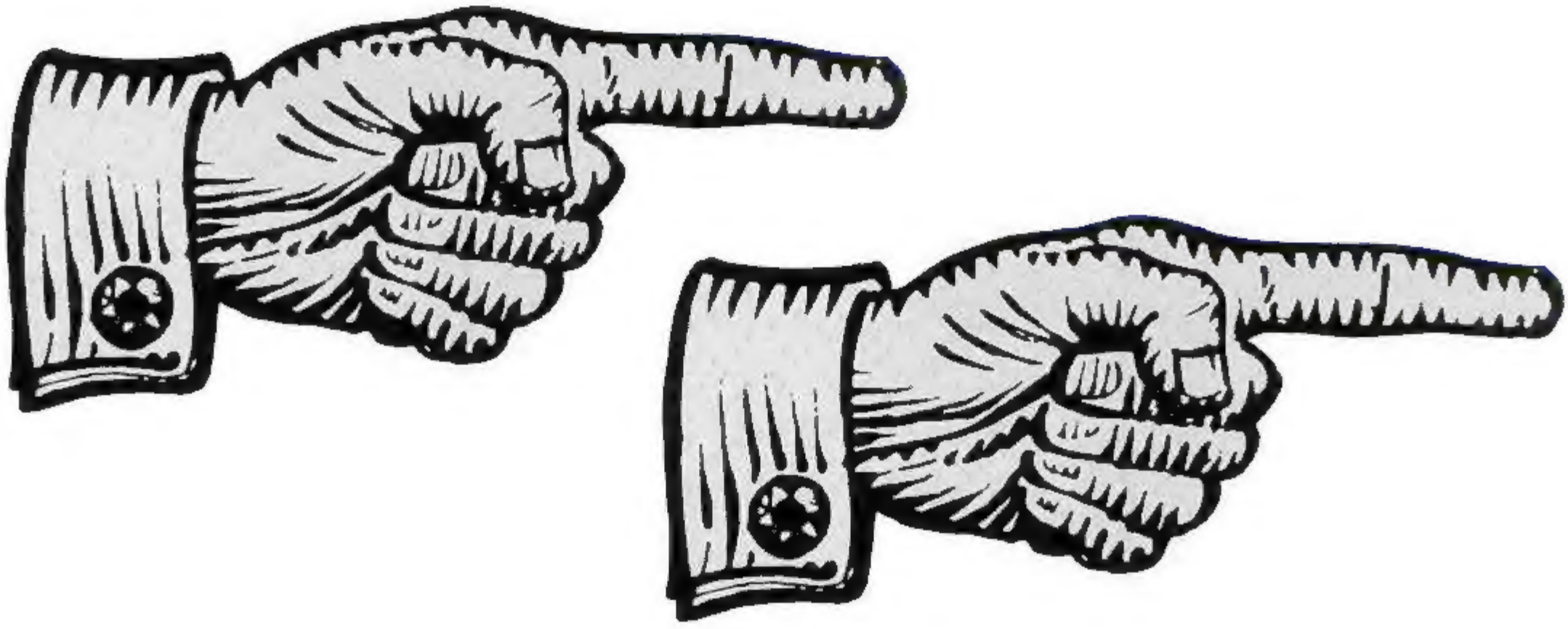

HOW CAN DEVASTATING FLOODS OF GUNK AND FILTH BE STOPPED?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

Floods of filth and garbage pour down on everyone at one time or another. To learn how this terrible torrent can be stopped, fold in page as shown in diagram at right.

FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

A► FOLD THIS SECTION OVER LEFT ◄B FOLD BACK SO "A" MEETS "B"

DAMAGE FROM DEVASTATING FLOODS IS ENORMOUS. ADDING UP THE MOUNTING COSTS IS SHOCKING. PEOPLE ARE TAKING A BATH OF RUINOUS PROPORTIONS. IT'S GIVING THEM ALL THE SHIVERS.

A► ◄B

HOW CAN DEVASTATING FLOODS OF GUNK AND FILTH BE STOPPED?

FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

A▸◂B FOLD BACK SO "A" MEETS "B"

DAMUP
THE MOUTH OF
RIVERS.

A▸◂B

FREE CAR WINDOW BONUS!*

*CAR NOT INCLUDED.

WRITER: CHARLIE KADAU